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ANTI-NAZI SCENES IN MONTEVIDEO

MONTEVIDEO, TO-DAY.

REMARKABLE SCENES WERE WITNESSED IN THE URUGUAYAN CAPITAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AS A SEQUEL TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE BATTERED NAZI WARSHIP, GRAF VON SPEE.

Over 20,000 persons staged a violent anti-Nazi demonstration because of reports that she was being permitted succour for thirty days, and the police were compelled on several occasions to charge the crowds.

Workmen in the local dockyard have threatened to go on strike if the Graf von Spee is put into dock for repair.

Meantime, the British authorities have requested the Uruguayan Government to take measures to intern the Graf von Spee for the duration of the war, or, alternatively, to compel her to leave.

Authoritative sources state that in her present condition, the Graf von Spee could not possibly put to sea.

It is, nevertheless, contended that when a belligerent warship is hotly pursued into a neutral harbour, she cannot claim refuge for more than 24 hours. The British authorities, on instructions from London, have made strong representations to this effect, and request internment.

It is intimated, however, that no objection would be taken for a brief extension of the period of grace in order that the von Spee's dead may be given a naval funeral.

The commander of the "Achilles" has expressed a wish to send a contingent ashore to attend the funeral.

EPIC NAVAL ACTION

London, To-day.

No official account of the naval engagement which has virtually ended the career of the Graf von Spee is yet available.

It is evident, from the messages received at the Admiralty, however, that the British ships made valuable use of smoke-screens, laying them with such skill that the slower German ship was outmanoeuvred.

The action is described in naval circles as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, fresh; fair.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA INCIDENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.

Communist organisations here are distributing anti-Finnish pamphlets.

The tenor of the pamphlets is such as to justify enforcement of the law prohibiting insults against foreign nations.

Copenhagen University students have expelled from the campus three fellow students found distributing this propaganda.

The propagandists were subsequently arrested when they continued their activities in the streets of the Danish capital.—Havas.

STUPID NAZI LIE DISPROVED

MONTEVIDEO, TO-DAY.

THE MUSTARD GAS SHELL ALLEGATIONS PUT OUT BY THE NAZI LEGATION HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY EXPLODED BY AN EXAMINATION OF THE CASUALTIES BY URUGUAYAN MEDICAL OFFICERS.

The Medical Officer in charge of the port says that all the injured were wounded by shell splinters.

Not one was suffering from the eye injuries associated with mustard gas.—Reuter.

ROYAL NAVY 'LEECHES'

London, To-day.

Lord Chatfield, Minister for Coordination of Defence, eulogising the men of the Exeter, Ajax and Achilles in a House of Lords statement, said that British warcraft had been hunting for the Nazi pocket-battleship for weeks.

Any ship which got into touch with her was not going to lose her even if it meant a battle against great odds.—Reuter.

DUSSELDORF SLIPS OUT TO SEA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Santiago de Chile, To-day.

The German freighter Dusseldorf yesterday slipped out of Valparaiso for an unknown destination.

The ship had been in Valparaiso harbour for several weeks.—Havas.

WARSHIPS ON WATCH

Five British warships, including it is reported unofficially, H.M.S. Barham, are now standing 30 miles off shore.

Another report suggests that the Graf von Spee had sunk two British merchant ships in rapid succession before she was engaged by the British light cruiser squadron.—Reuter.

SHARP CLASHES ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Sharp engagements between reconnaissance units are reported from the Vosges region, and there is considerable activity along the whole front from the Moselle to the Rhine.—Reuter.

NAZI PACT WITH SOVIET RATIFIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

It is officially announced that Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, and the Soviet Ambassador met at the Wilhelmstrasse yesterday and exchange ratifications of the treaty of friendship and frontiers of September 28.—Havas.

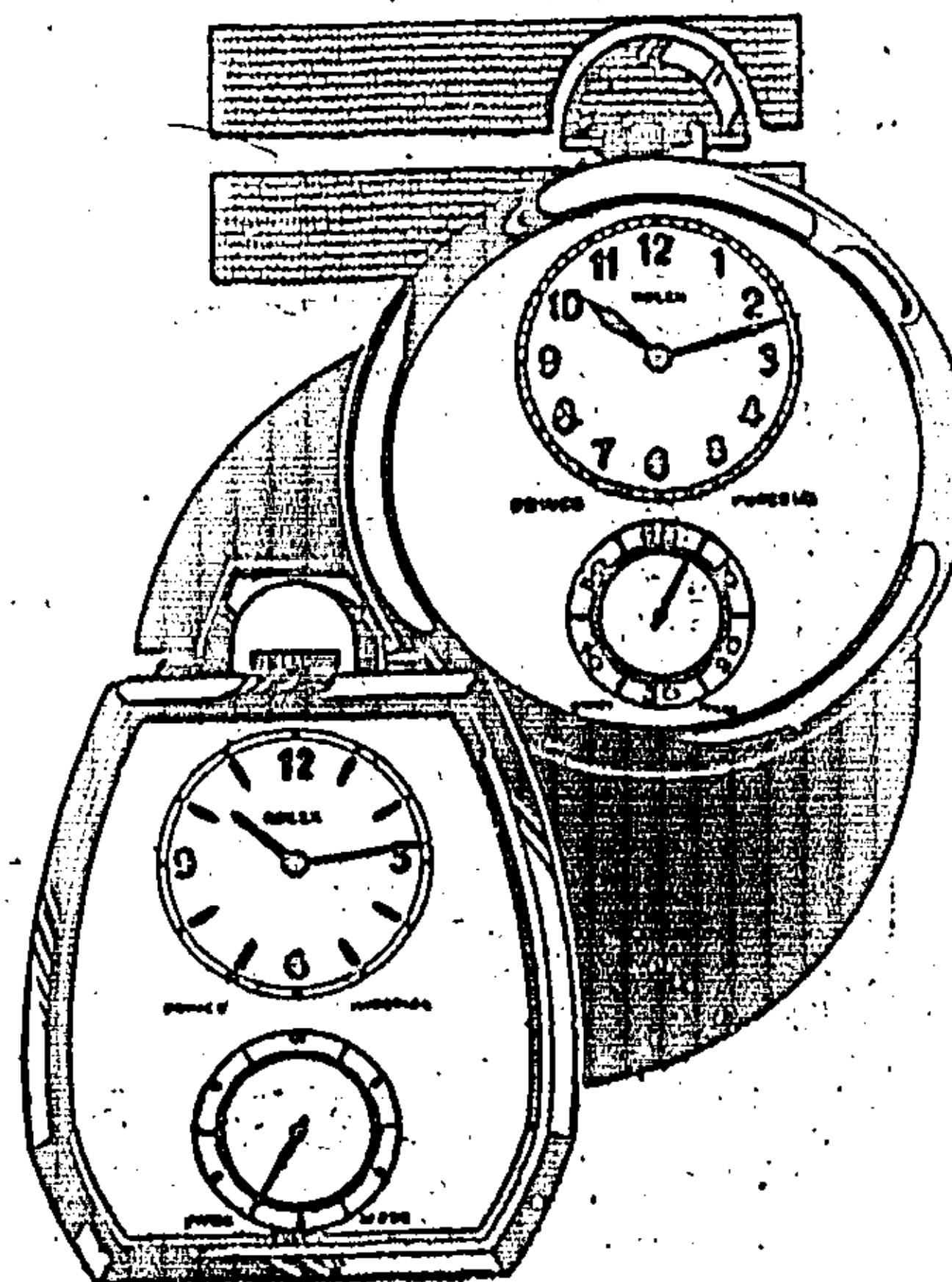
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CLEAR ANSWER TO THE CRITICS

FORBEARANCE IN ESCAPE OF THE "BREMEN"

London, To-day.

THE "YORKSHIRE POST" points out in an editorial that there is the clearest answer both to the sneers of the enemy and the surprised protests of friends regarding the forbearance of the British submarine which refrained to torpedo the Bremen.

If the example of Nazi commerce raiders had been followed, Britain would have lost something more important than a valuable naval prize.

She would have betrayed the very cause for which we are fighting.

"We shall not defeat Nazism by descending to Nazi methods of warfare."

The Bremen is too valuable and vulnerable to be used as an armed raider or a supply ship.

The "Yorkshire Post" says the Germans have been so taken aback by the British observation of in-

ternational law that they are unable to give consistent accounts of the circumstances.

NOW WE KNOW!

Thus Trans-Ocean, the Nazi news agency, reports that the submarine disappeared without attempting to attack, while a Zeesen broadcast to France asserts: "The truth is that the British submarine did fire a torpedo, but as it was not a German torpedo it missed the target."—Reuter.

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One of the most successful charity dances of the year was held at the Peninsula Hotel last night by the Hong Kong Chinese Women's Club.

An excellent cabaret programme was presented by members of the Club in the course of the evening.

At the entrance to the ballrooms was a stall exhibiting samples of the products of the Fanling Agricultural Experimental Farm in charge of Mr. Percy Chen, Chairman of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre.

Sir Robert Ho Tung distributed the prizes to winners of the Raffle Competition. The prizes were donated by members of the Club.

The successful numbers were 687, 162, 1152, 1808, 167, 1290, 43, 877, 168, 1373, 1843, 209, 307, 1978, 771, 1429, 338, 1952, 1920, 329, 1832, 993, 17.

Those who did not receive their prizes last night, can claim them at the Chinese Women's Club.

MEDICAL DEGREES

There will be an informal Congregation of the University in the Great Hall for the conferring of Degrees on the results of the December Examinations in Medicine and Surgery, at 5.30 p.m. next Friday.

No invitations are being issued but those who may wish to attend will be welcome.

The principal Congregation of the University will take place in June, 1940.

COVENTRY BOMB CASE VERDICT

London, To-day.
Richards and Barnes were yesterday found guilty of murder in connexion with the Coventry bomb explosion, and were sentenced to death.

Hewitt and two women were found not guilty of murder but are remaining in custody pending the preferring of further charges.
—Reuter.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S WAR OFFER

Sir Robert Ho-tung, one of the wealthiest men in Hong Kong, has offered the British Government £10,000 free of interest for two years.

This (says a Reuter message) was officially announced in London last evening.

Sir Robert's public-spirited offer has been gratefully accepted by the British Government, on whose behalf a personal letter of thanks has been addressed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, to the Sir Robert.

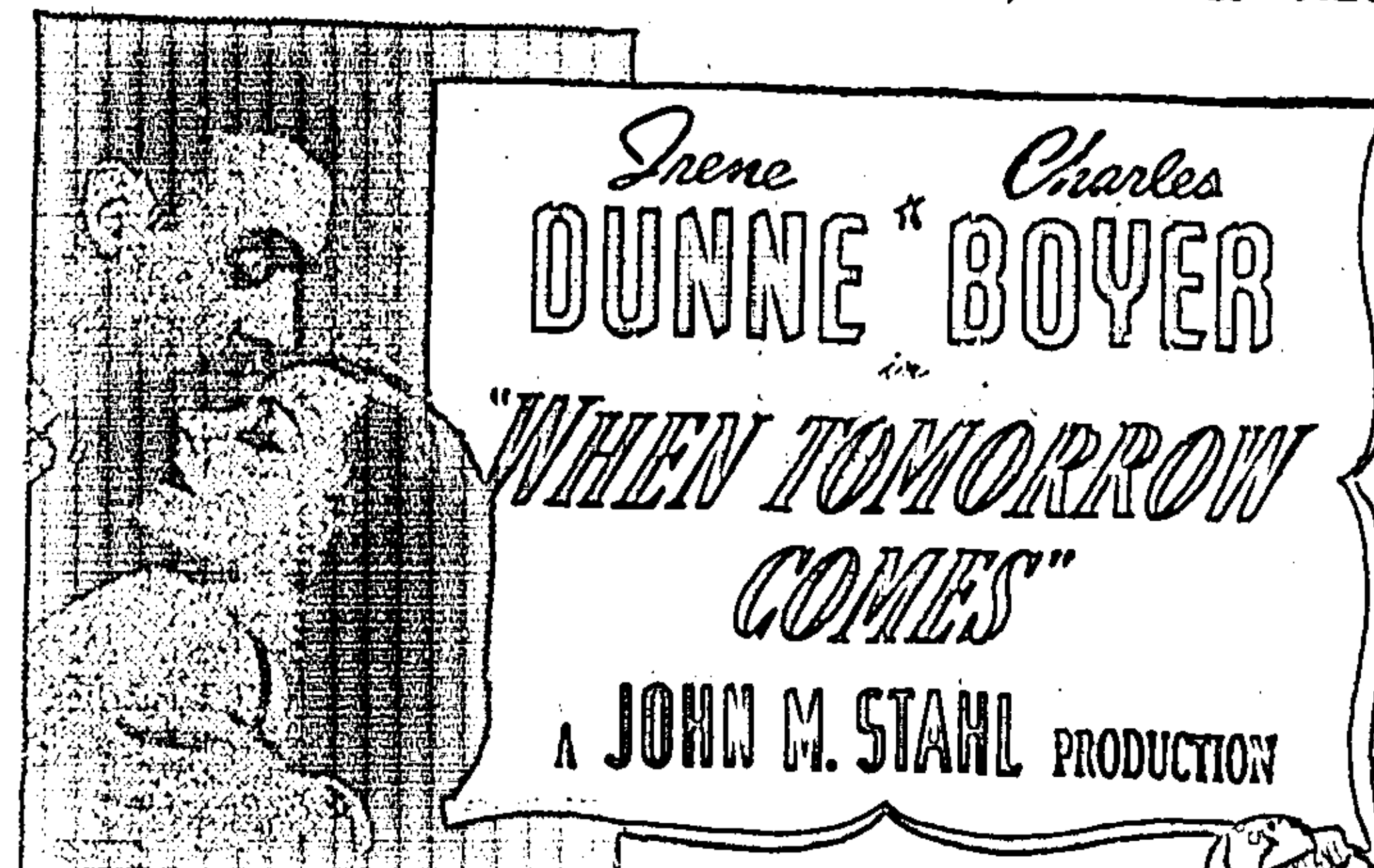
BRITISH CONSULATE TRANSFERRED

London, To-day.
The British Consulate was transferred yesterday from Helsinki to Poribjorneborg.—British Wireless.

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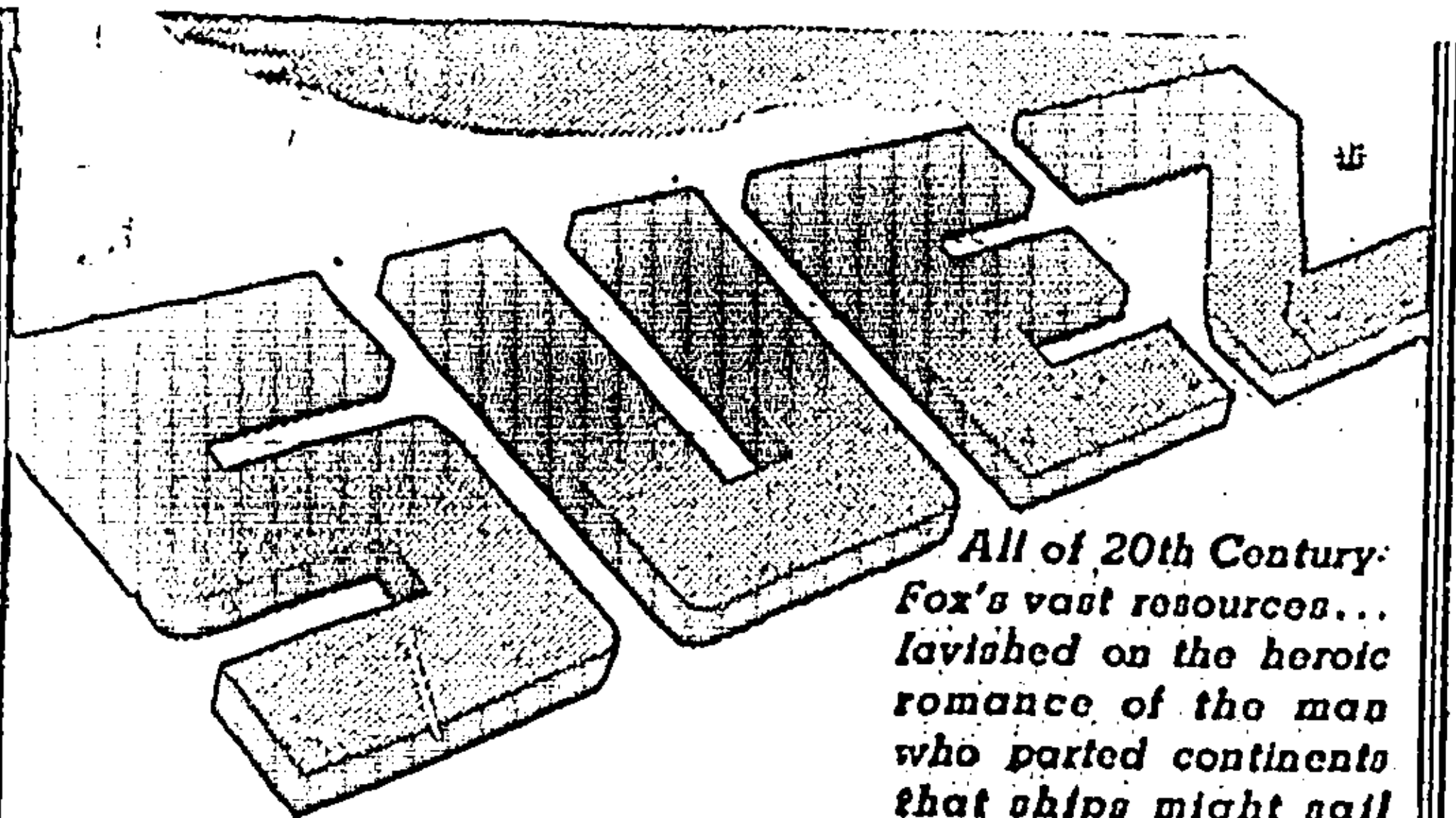
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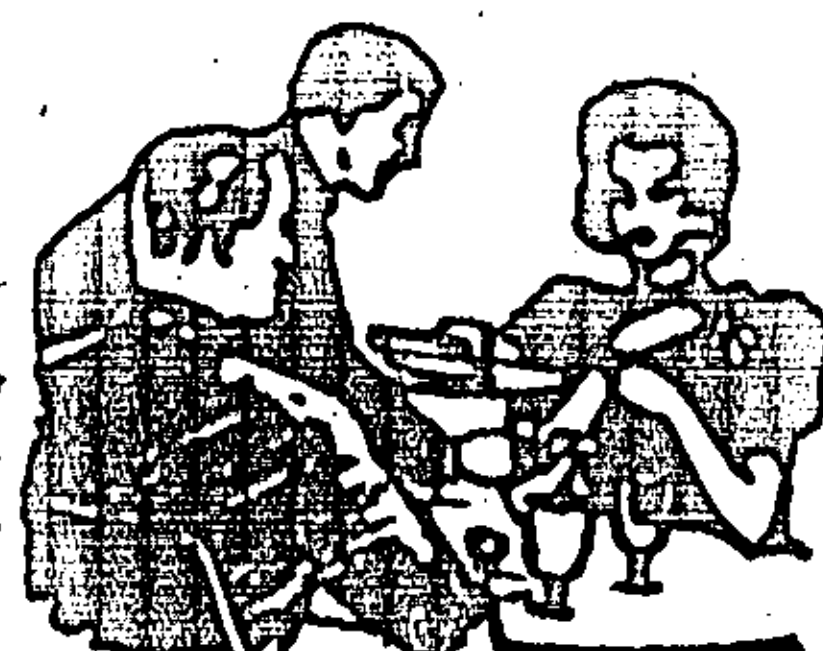
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YANGTSE MAY BE OPENED

Tokyo, To-day.

As a concrete measure to help break the Japan-American diplomatic deadlock there is every possibility of the Yangtse being reopened to third power shipping in the near future, says the "Kokumin Shimbun."

The newspaper understands that Admiral Nomura, the Foreign Minister, regards this measure as a fundamental necessity.

His opponents, on the other hand, argue that the re-opening of the Yangtse to third power shipping would violate China's administrative rights and enable the powers concerned not only to enjoy economic benefits but also to exercise political and military pressure on China.

Therefore, they say, third power navigation rights on Chinese waterways should be abolished.—Reuter.

QUIET ON THE KWANGSI FRONT

Kweilin, To-day.

There was only patrol activity in Kwangsi yesterday.

The bulk of the Japanese force on the Nanning-Pinyang highway is concentrated at Paitong, 30 miles north-east of Nanning.—Central News.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Ambassador to America, left for Manila yesterday to resume his post as the Director of the Manila branch of the Bank of China.

DIRECT PRICE CONTROL IN FRANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

"ALTHOUGH MILITARY OPERATIONS HAVE HARDLY BEGUN THE FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC WAR IS IN FULL SWING, AND THE ALLIES HAVE MADE A VERY FAVOURABLE START," THE FINANCE MINISTER, M. PAUL REYNAUD, DECLARED IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES DURING THE BUDGET DISCUSSION.

"We are waging a decisive war," M. Reynaud said, "and we must have the necessary will to produce more and consume less."

"Our policy is to avoid a price rise and to maintain the exchange rate."

The Minister explained that price increase and speculation will be fought by the establishment of direct price control.

The economic situation will be consolidated by a reduction of those incomes which are above the vital minimum, establishment of a salaries scale, exchange control and encouragement for exports, which constitute a means of obtaining foreign currency.

CUTTING IMPORTS

M. Reynaud asserted that purchases abroad must be drastically curtailed. All these measures are extremely mild compared with the restrictions suffered by Germans.

M. Reynaud pointed out that the French exchange stabilisation fund is in a better position now than at the beginning of the war, despite heavy purchases abroad.

Reason is the repatriation of 26,000,000,000 francs of French gold held abroad.

M. Reynaud eulogised the Anglo-French economic agreement, and concluded: "Our duty is to be ready for prolonged military activity."

GRAVE HOURS

"Hitler is hoping that discontent and disorder will occur in France. It is up to us to prove he is wrong."

"France has known pathetic hours but none as grave as these. The Democracies will win but at the price of great sacrifices."

"We shall win, but for victory we must first win a victory over ourselves."—Havas.

RICE RATION IN PEIPING

Peiping, To-day.

The Chinese and Japanese authorities in Peiping are considering detailed measures for putting into effect a rationing system for rice, states the "Hsin Min Po."

It is planned that each Chinese household will receive a fixed amount of rice for a certain period.

Details of the scheme are not yet available.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST NANCHANG

Chungking, To-day.

Chinese units have reached the immediate outskirts of Nanchang and have engaged the Japanese in sharp fighting.

Fires were started inside and outside the city. Japanese barracks and supply depots are said to have been burned.

The Chinese, who crossed the Fu River, to make their assault, met with only feeble resistance. They recaptured Suhsikung, Wuhsishih and other points along the outer defence lines of Nanchang.

Another Chinese column has cut the Nanchang-Kiukiang Railway, between Lohua and Changkungtu, and is pushing toward Tehan.

The Japanese at Tsingan, 30 miles northwest of Nanchang, are besieged.—Central News.

MR. SUN FO ON THE OUTLOOK

Kunming, To-day.

Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, who has arrived from Rangoon by plane following an extensive tour of Europe, said there is the fullest British, French and Soviet sympathy with China.

Soviet material assistance to China will be continued, and Soviet policy towards China will remain unchanged, he said.

In his opinion, a Japanese rapprochement with the Soviet Union is not likely to materialize.

Observers in Europe think it unlikely that the United States will conclude a new trade pact with Japan.—Central News.

CHINESE ADVANCE IN NEW OFFENSIVE CONTINUES

Fancheng, Hupeh, To-day.

CHINESE FORCES IN CENTRAL and north Hupeh are continuing the advance initiated in the major offensive launched on Tuesday.

Units which crossed the Siang River have recaptured important points on the Hankow-Ichang highway, including Nanchanglu and Hsuchiachang, west of Tienmen.

Japanese reinforcements were intercepted at Hungli and suffered over 800 casualties. Several Japanese tanks and armoured cars and a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition were captured.

Fighting is raging in the vicinity of Yunglungsho. Sientaochen, nearby, is besieged.

The Japanese suffered heavy casualties in an engagement near Tsenkiang, 95 miles above Hankow.

The Hwayuan-Kwangsui section of the Peiping-Hankow Railway has been damaged at three points. The rails near Sinyang, in south Honan, have been torn up.—Central News.

VICEROY ARRIVES IN CALCUTTA

New Delhi, To-day.

The Viceroy of India has arrived in Calcutta, where he will spend Christmas.—Reuter.

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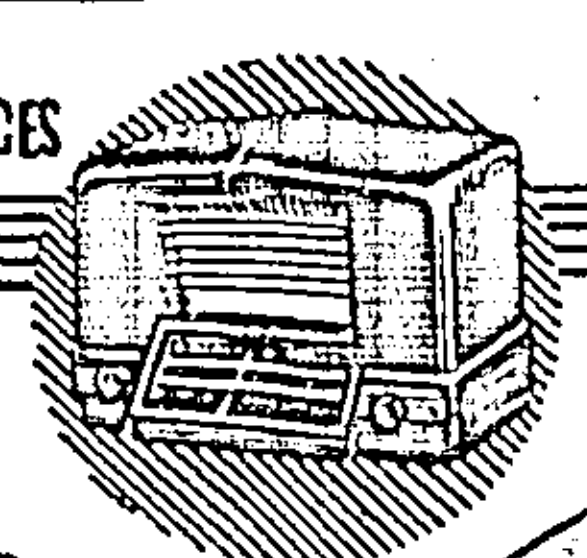
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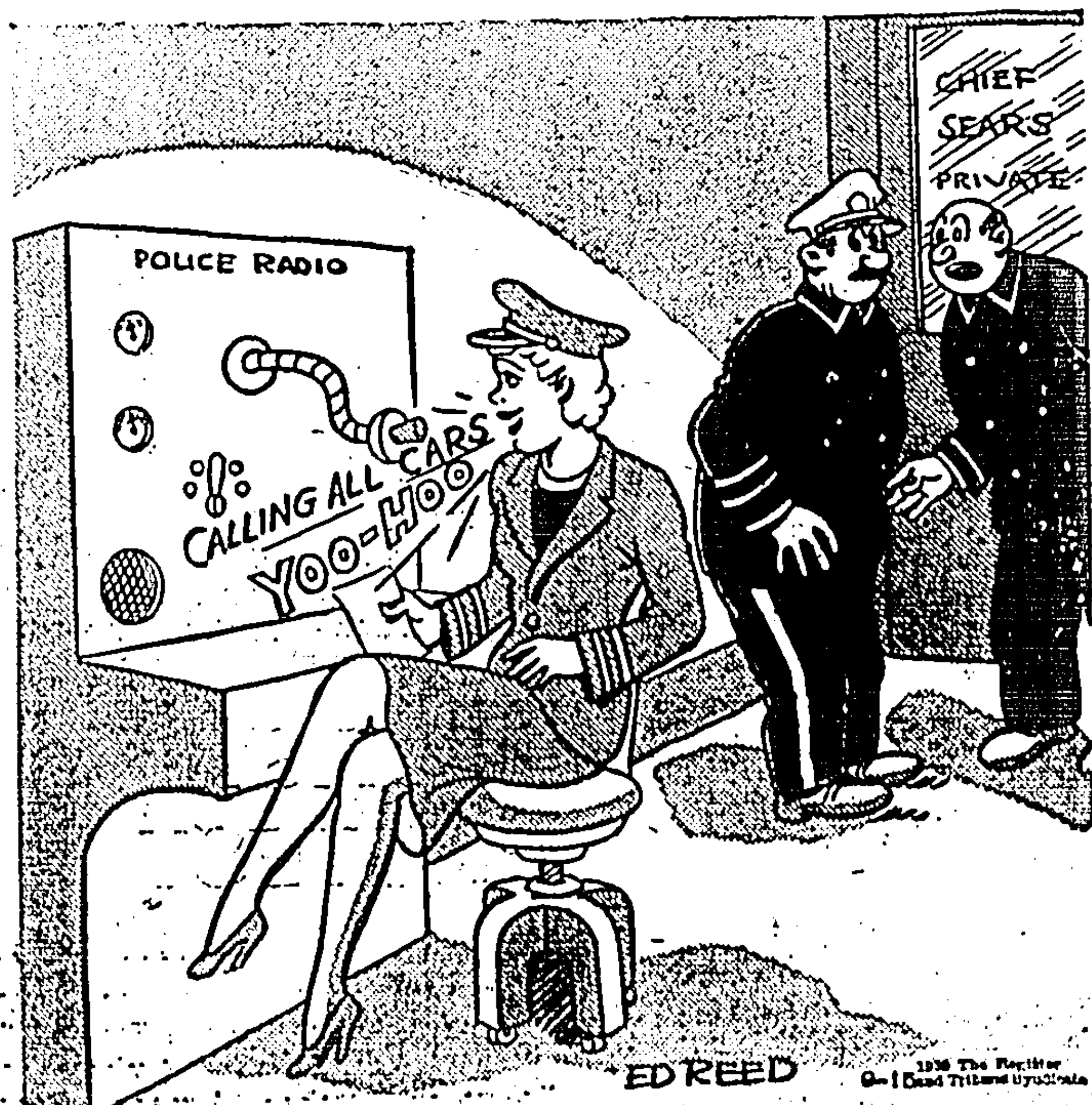
Some of the large crowd which watched Sunday's charity hockey.



A Pirate indulges in some light refreshment after the Softball game with the Cubs at Prince Edward Road.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"You'd better speak to that Policewoman! She's hunting for a date to-night!"

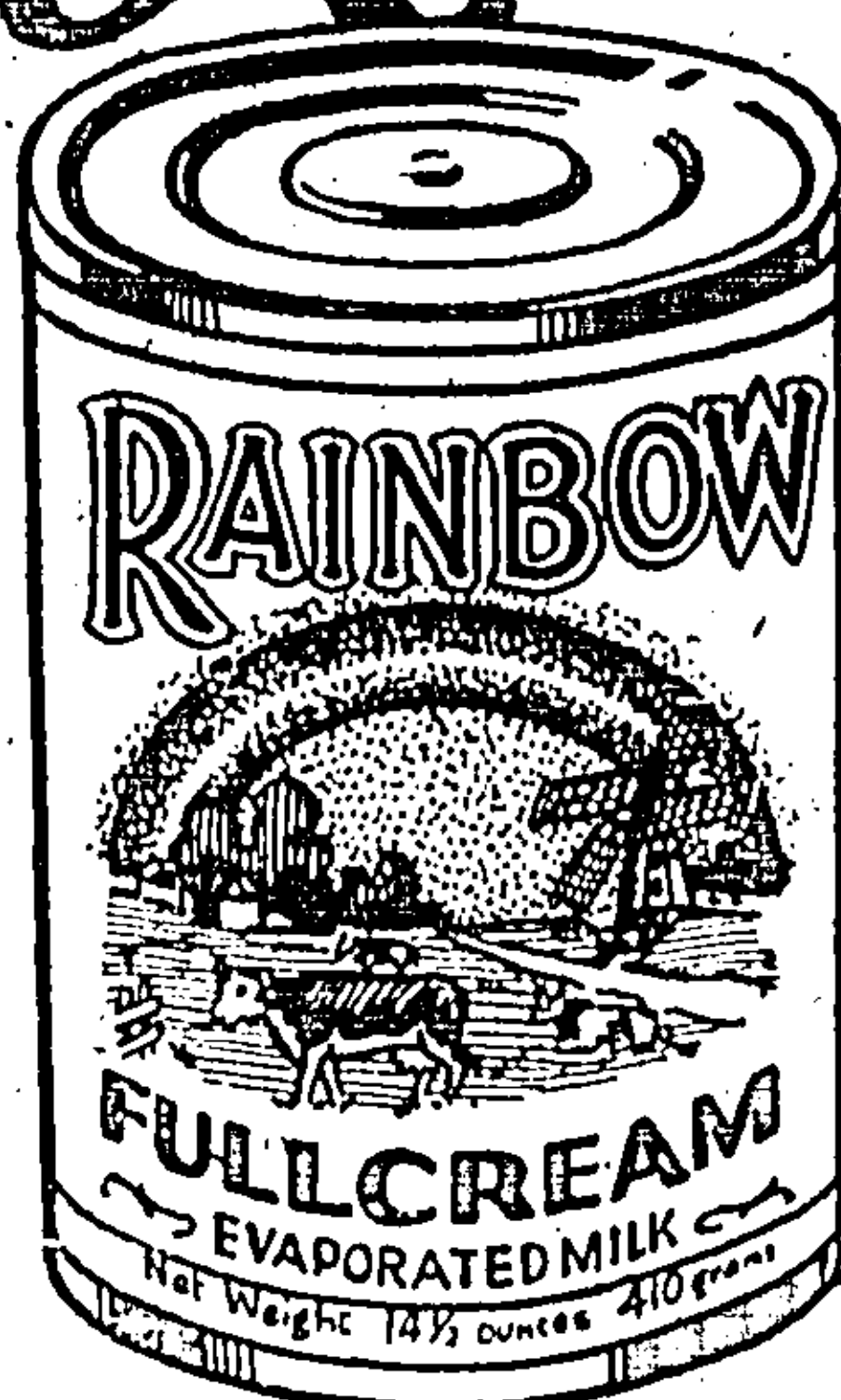
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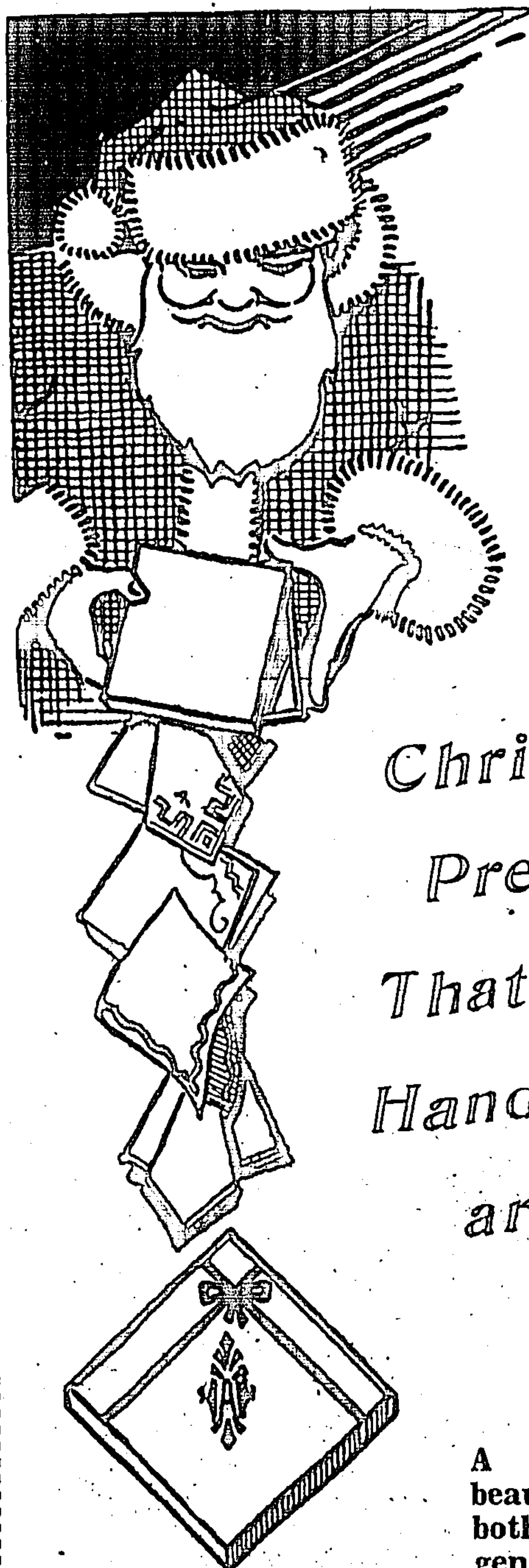
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ADMIRALTY ISSUES STATEMENT

London, To-day.

An Admiralty communique, issued at 6.40 last evening, stated: "No reports have been received of killed and wounded in the British ships which participated in the sharp action yesterday off Montevideo. These will be published the moment they are received.

"Despite the damage which caused Exeter to drop out of the engagement the two small 6-inch cruisers pursued the German pocket-battleship into the Plate River, and now await her in the Estuary where they have been strongly reinforced.

"It must be understood that very large forces have been employed for many weeks searching the vast spaces of the South Atlantic, both by sea and air, and that much time and many disappointments were inevitable before the raider could be found.

"It is remarkable how little hindrance Graf Spee had been able to inflict upon the movements of hundreds of ships during the two months she has been at large.

LITTLE MISCHIEF

"Compared to the mischief wrought by the Emden in the Great War, her depredations have been small.

"As soon as further details of the encounter are received the Admiralty will publish another statement dealing with the conduct of the officers and men who, under the command of Commodore Harwood, encountered and chased from the sea a vessel so much their superior in weight of metal."—
Reuter.

Miss. B. Cartwright, of No. 29B, Nathan Road, has reported the theft of a jewellery box, containing gold rings valued at \$100, from her bedroom.

POCKET-BATTLESHIP LICKING HER WOUNDS

London, To-day.

THE LATEST, BUT NOW badly damaged, Nazi pocket-battleship is now licking her wounds, which are plainly visible from the shore, in Montevideo Harbour, while outside British warships are sailing up and down, on patrol.

The German Minister has boarded her and found 36 killed and 60 wounded; the latter include the commander of the Admiral Graf Spee. British losses are not yet known, but all three ships — Exeter, Ajax and Achilles — are still able to keep on the high seas under their own power.

The damage to the Admiral Graf Spee has put the Germans in somewhat of a predicament. The German Minister in Montevideo says that she was forced into harbour by lack of fuel.

At the same time, in Berlin the official German news agency was alleging that the British warships used mustard-gas which spoiled part of the ship's food, and that was why she put in to Montevideo.

Cables from Montevideo itself, however, state that when dawn broke yesterday morning those on shore could clearly see the damage sustained by the ship in the battle.

There were four large shell holes and lesser damage. The large holes were two in the control tower, one in the stern and one in the bow. Other damage included five holes just above the water-line, while the ship's aeroplanes were also battered about.

MUSTARD GAS!

Referring to the allegation of mustard-gas, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, said:—"This characteristic statement is, of course, without foundation. In no case have gas shells or grenades ever been made for or used by any ships of His Majesty's Navy."

Mr. Atlee, leader of the Opposition, joined in the congratulations given to the Royal Navy by Mr. Chamberlain, and said that the way in which the three comparatively smaller ships tackled the German ship, stuck to her and forced her to take shelter in a neutral harbour is worthy of the highest traditions of the British Navy.—
Reuter.

LOVE TOKEN STORY

That she had become betrothed to him, with the gift of a gold ring, one night when he was invited to sit in her house, was the defence of Hui Ka-wo, 25, charged this morning with larceny by trick from Cheng Hung, 20-year-old widow.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, said accused on a visit to the house, asked the woman to let him try on her ring. As soon as he put it on his finger, he ran out of the house.

Cheng Hung went to Macao and located accused and had him brought back to Hong Kong.

Accused alleged that she gave the ring to him as a present. He sold it to a gold smith shop for \$16.

Accused was placed on a \$50 bond for one year and ordered to pay \$20 compensation, or serve one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

John Rugg, 35, a seaman employed on the s.s. Benclench, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries caused by a fall on board. His condition is not serious.

DUCHESS DISASTER

London, To-day.

No list of casualties on board the destroyer Duchess, which sank following a collision with another British ship, has yet been issued.

Sole surviving officer is Probationary Lieutenant J. R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R.—Reuter.

BRITISH VIEW OF LAW OF REFUGE

London, To-day.

In the House of Lords, the Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence stated that international law in relation to the Graf Spee was under active examination between the British and Uruguayan Governments.

It is pointed out in naval circles in London that the provisions of Articles 14 and 17 of the Hague Convention of 1907, which contain rules relating to repair in neutral ports of belligerent warships, do not distinguish between damage sustained in action and damage from other causes.

BRITISH VIEW

There is substantial support for the view that an extension of stay or use of shore facilities to repair damage due to enemy action should not be allowed, and a number of neutral governments have issued express regulations denying the use of shore facilities or any extension of the permitted stay beyond 24 hours if damage is due to enemy action.—British Wireless.

BRITISH PROTEST

London, To-day.

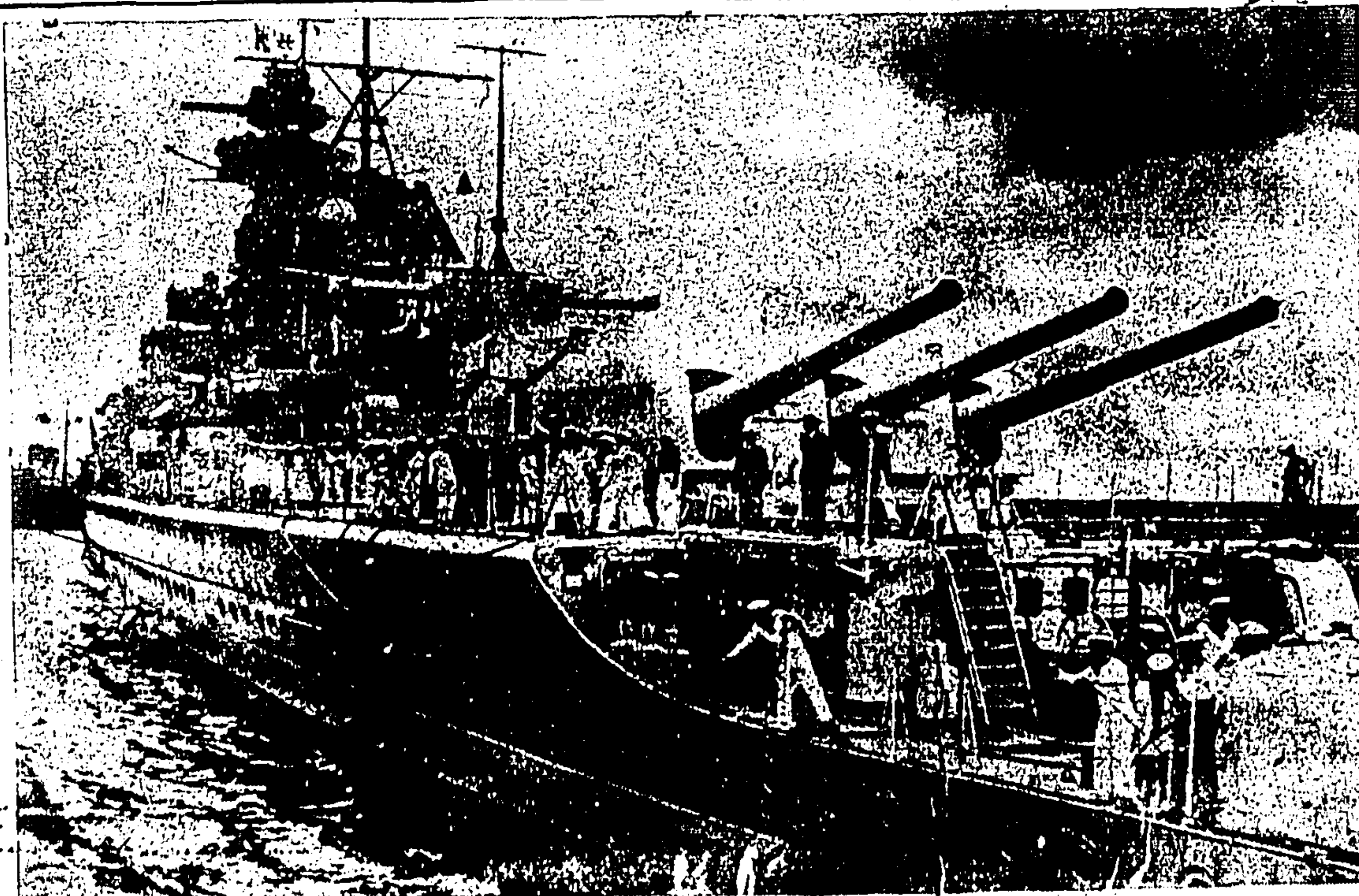
At question time in the House of Commons yesterday the Prime Minister said the British Ambassador in Tokyo on October 10 made strong representations to the Japanese Government regarding the non-payment of interest due to British shareholders of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The Ambassador would continue to press the matter when opportunity offered.—Reuter.

HOUSE OF COMMONS IN RECESS

London, To-day.

Parliament has adjourned for the Christmas recess until January 16.—
Reuter.



A close-up of the German pocket-battleship, Graf von Spee, whose career, for the duration, appears now to be ended. Examination of the ship after the most dramatic action of the war showed her to be gaping with holes. Exeter, Ajax and Achilles have been able to keep at sea and maintain patrol against any attempt by the von Spee to escape, indicating that Exeter, which was damaged, is not so seriously affected as was at first believed.

GRAF SPEE A WRECK!

Striking Evidence of Excellence of British Gunnery

CREEPS INTO MONTEVIDEO HARBOUR, BATTERED, LIKE A WOUNDED ANIMAL

Buenos Aires, To-day.
WITHOUT FOOD, WITH confusion on board and her decks a shambles of dead and wounded, the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee crept into Montevideo harbour like a wounded animal worried by terriers.

Uruguayan officials stated that her officers were thoroughly dispirited when they reached port. Members of the British Legation returning from a visit to the British cruisers, which are also anchored off Montevideo, assert their crews are intact and that they suffered no casualties.

Press reports state that Commodore Harwood, before the action, made Nelson's famous signal "England expects this day that every man will do his duty" from the cruiser Ajax.

Press representatives who made a launch trip around the Graf Spee reported the vessel's state as "shocking"—eloquent evidence of the excellence of the British gunnery.

The Nazi warship bore shell marks all along her waterline.

A huge hole gaped in the control-tower, which was completely perforated, and there was another hole in the bows.

Her aeroplane had lost its wings and tail, and its engine had fallen to the deck.

Seen from the side, the superstructure looked like a mass of twisted iron, which included even the heavy guns.

SUPPLIES RUNNING SHORT

The battle is believed to have been directly due to the recent sinking of the German supply ship Ussukuma and the failure of another supply vessel, the Tacoma, to leave Montevideo owing to the presence of the British cruiser Achilles.

The Admiral Graf Spee thereupon decided to seize supplies from a French steamer, the Formose, despite the known presence of the cruiser Exeter in the vicinity.

She was about to seize the Formose when the Ajax loomed up and opened fire, at the same time calling up Exeter and Achilles.

EXETER CLOSED

Ajax manoeuvred to avoid the Graf Spee's fire, and the action ceased during the greater part of the morning.

Achilles and Exeter then joined Ajax, which was lying between the Graf Spee and the Plate Estuary.

Exeter closed while Ajax and Achilles stood off. Their combined fire drove Graf Spee towards the coast.—Reuter.

SMOKE-SCREENS PLAY IMPORTANT PART

Further details which have now become available regarding the South Atlantic naval battle show that Exeter was patrolling in the South Atlantic early on Wednesday when she contacted the German warship in the latitude of south Brazil.

A running fight ensued, during which Achilles and Ajax arrived.

The two latter vessels gradually forced Graf Spee southward and westward.

The British cruisers used smoke-screens and made lightning thrusts with such skill and daring that Graf Spee was eventually forced to attempt to retreat to neutral waters.

When 12 miles off Punta de l'Este, and in full view of the shore, Graf Spee converted her retreat into open flight. The battleship, with her main con-

HEAVY WARSHIPS LYING IN WAIT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
 MONTEVIDEO, TO-DAY.

AN ARGENTINIAN DESTROYER HEADED TO SEA YESTERDAY MORNING CARRYING AN UNDISCLOSED MESSAGE FROM THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT TO THE BRITISH CRUISERS WHICH ARE NOW LYING IN WAIT FOR THE ADMIRAL GRAF SPEE.

Meanwhile, local naval quarters praise the British tactics in attacking the German warship, which was compelled to navigate near the coast, thus reducing her speed as coastal navigation is dangerous off Argentine shores.

The Graf Spee became an easy target for the British shells, suffering heavy damage: the control turret was completely destroyed, the heavy guns disabled and the aircraft wrecked. There are many holes in the hull.—Havas.

BARHAM ON SPOT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It is reported in Montevideo that the British squadron has now been joined by H.M.S. Barham, 31,100 tons, with 8 15-inch and 12 6-inch guns, and H.M.S. Cumberland, formerly on the China Station, and latterly attached to the 2nd Cruiser Squadron, Home Fleet.

The Admiralty announcement of the presence in South African waters of the Ark Royal and Renown denotes the possibility that these ships too may be in the vicinity.—Havas.

The Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association are holding a Carnival Dance on Boxing Day, at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Searchlights damaged, evidently feared a night attack by the British cruisers, and made direct for Montevideo where she anchored inside the harbour at 11.15 p.m.

It is thought here that Graf Spee will hardly dare to leave Montevideo, and consequently will be out of action for the duration of the war.

In view of the fact that the British cruisers had only six 8-inch guns against the 11.2-inch weapons of the German battleship, this 15-hour action is regarded here as one of the most daring and brilliant in the history of the Royal Navy.—Reuter.

GUNMEN SENTENCED

Pleading guilty to charges of robbery, possession of arms and ammunition and shooting at a Chinese detective, three Chinese were sentenced to terms ranging from two and a half to five years' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Hui Sing-chiu, was sentenced to three years for robbery and 12 months for possession of one revolver and five rounds of ammunition; Cheng Kiu

ARK ROYAL AND RENOWN IN CAPETOWN

Capetown, To-day.
 The South African press reveals that the aircraft-carrier Ark Royal and the battle-cruiser Renown recently visited Capetown.

This gives the lie to Zeeson radio announcements that Ark Royal had been sunk.—Reuter.

was sentenced to two and half years for robbery, and Kwok Kwai-sum, was sentenced to three years for robbery, 12 months for possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition, and five years for shooting at a Chinese detective. The sentences are to run concurrently.



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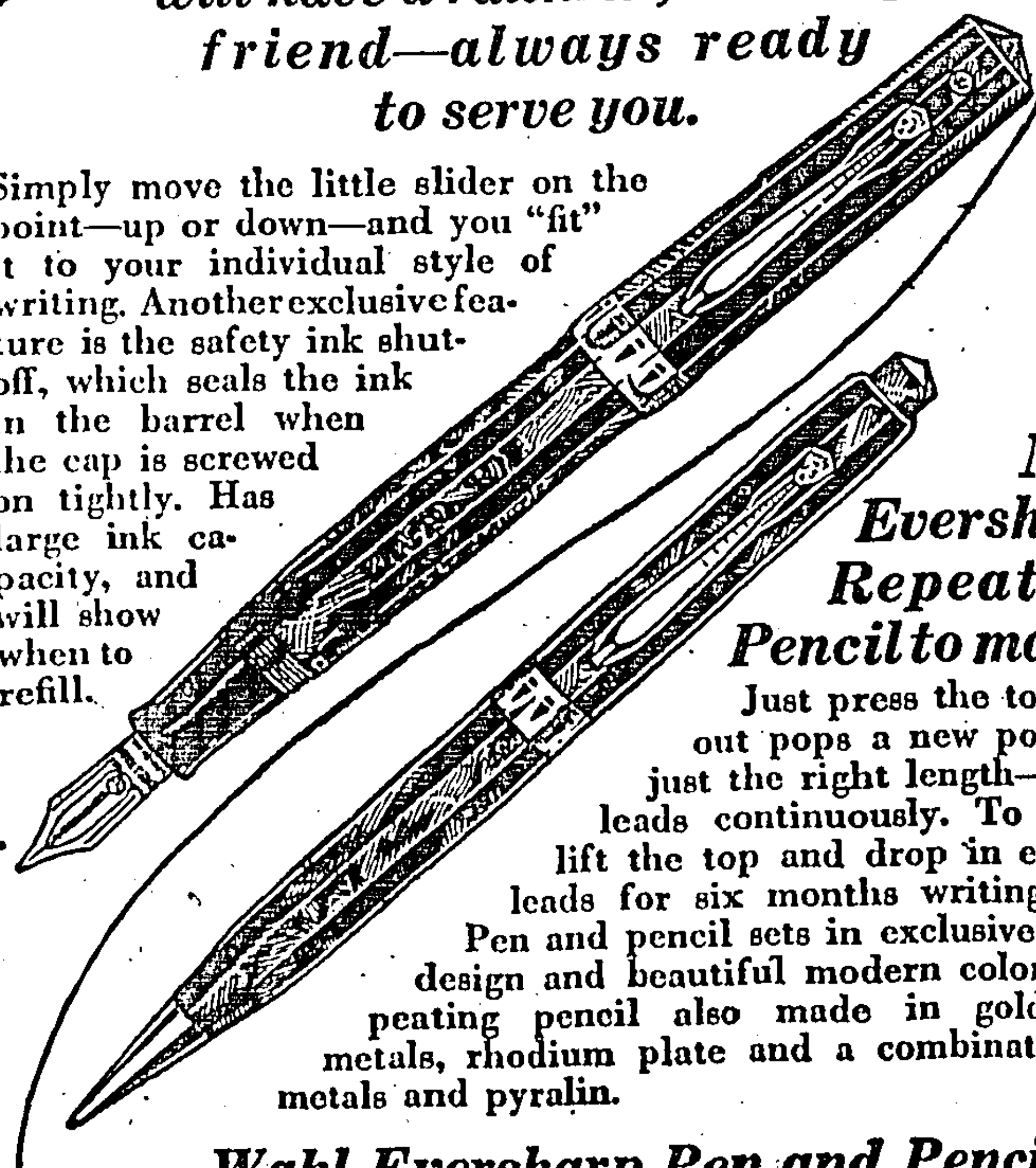


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Miss Anderson, the Headmistress, reading her report on Prize Day at Quarry Bay School.



Miss Dorothy McCaw (left), the Mainland centre forward, and Miss E. M. Gray, Island full-back, in Sunday's match.



Members of the St. Paul's College Association Team which beat South China by 3—2 at Volleyball.

APPEAL FOR INDIA TRUCE

Lord Zetland On Communal Rivalry Problems

NATION UNIFIED IN HOSTILITY TO HITLERISM

London, To-day.

IN A STATEMENT YESTERDAY in the Lords the Secretary for India said the Indian Princes and peoples continued to express "detestation of the crimes perpetrated by Nazi Germany against all laws of God and man," and instanced the Viceroy's Fund, which totalled £475,000, and for which no appeal had been made.

Further examples were gifts from the Maharaja of Gondal and the Nawab of Rampur, the former having allocated £7,500 for the dependents of those lost in Royal Oak, and the latter had given a million rupees for motor ambulances.

SHARP N.Y. ATTACK ON NAZISM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.
"THE FREE PEOPLE OF AMERICA WILL NEVER APPROVE OR ACCEPT THE TRIUMPH OF HITLERISM AND STALINISM IN POLAND, FINLAND, AUSTRIA AND THE BALKANS," DECLARED MR. WILLIAM GREEN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR, AT MADISON SQUARE AT A MEETING OF PROTEST AGAINST THE PERSECUTION OF GERMAN AND POLISH JEWS.

Mr. Green added: "We believe we should have recourse to every means, short of war, to prevent the brutal dictatorships from achieving their barbarous aims."

"The British Navy at present is strangling Germany by its efficient blockade. Pray God that their efforts will be crowned with complete success."

During the meeting, messages of sympathy with the fate of the German and Polish Jews were read from Mr. Herbert Lehman (former Governor of New York), Senator Arthur Vandenberg and Senator Robert Taft (both of whom are mentioned as possible presidential candidates).—Havas.

For breaches of the Deportation Ordinance, Wong Chiu and Lau were sentenced to 18 months' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Tsang Fuk and Li Man were sentenced to two years for the same offence.

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For the benefit of German propagandists, who spent their time explaining the plight of the Indian people, Lord Zetland said he would like to add a single other example of generosity.

"In one district in the Punjab, with few wealthy people among the residents, the Governor was recently handed a wholly unsolicited gift of 17,000 rupees, all in currency notes, to aid in the overthrowing of Nazi Germany."

Neither was the assistance limited to money gifts.

Among the martial races there had been a spontaneous and eager desire to enlist in the forces.

Turning to the political field, Lord Zetland regretted to say the difficulties persisted.

While in the Punjab, Bengal and Sind the Governments and Legislatures were successfully functioning, and in Assam an alternative Government had accepted office, seven other provinces which had Congress ministries and administrations had been taken over by the Governors.

CLOCK PUT BACK

Although the transition was effected smoothly and, broadly speaking, the policies assented by the Legislatures before the resignations were being carried out, the transfer was contrary to the desire of the British Government and put back the hands of the clock 30 years.

Lord Zetland dealt with the latest Congress statement and said the Government could not agree that no communal differences arose in meeting the Congress demands.

He pointed out that no constitution could be expected to function successfully unless met by the assent of the minorities.

The main difficulty was still the differences of opinion between Congress and the Moslem League.

Although a numerical minority there were between eighty and ninety millions affected.

TRUCE APPEAL

Lord Zetland appealed to the leaders of both sides to call a truce, and said he derived some little encouragement from the report that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Mr. Jinnah had arranged a further discussion which, he hoped, would cover a wide field.

In conclusion, Lord Zetland said the internal difficulties did not lessen the abhorrence with which all Indian creeds and communities viewed the Nazi system.

German propaganda suggested India should look to Nazi Germany for freedom.

"The conception of Hitler the liberator is so grotesque as to bring a smile to the face of anyone, except possibly a German."

If Hitler and his associates imagine they may look for aid from India they are heading for one of the greatest disillusionments in their lives.—British Wireless.

FU SIAO-EN RESIGNING IN DISGRACE?

Shanghai, To-day.
Alleged to have fallen into disgrace with the Japanese authorities, Mayor Fu Siao-en, of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai, is shortly resigning, says a Chinese report.

He will be succeeded by his secretary-general, So Hui-wen, the report adds.—Reuter.

'BAD LUCK' KILLING

For manslaughter, Wan Mui, was sentenced to one month's hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

"My impression is that this is a case of bad luck," commented the Chief Justice, after reading the depositions.

Wan was alleged to have unlawfully killed a man who has never been identified.

Wan, in the dock this morning, said that the man stole his husks. "I was about to arrest him and take him to the police station when he pushed me. I struck two blows at him."

The Chief Justice remarked that evidence showed that the man had an enlarged spleen and that the blows struck by accused would not have caused harm had his spleen not been so large.

"You must, however, not take the law into your own hands. I take into consideration that you have now been in prison for almost a month, and sentence you to one month's hard labour."

MOSCOW ON DEFEAT OF RELIGION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day.

"Our alliance with Berlin is the greatest defeat of Christianity, and particularly Catholicism."

This statement was made in Moscow yesterday, according to Swiss press reports, by the leaderess of the Soviet Youth association.

"The co-operation between Germany and Russia is fostering the atheist movement throughout Europe," she added.

She concluded, however, by declaring that the Soviet remains opposed to racial doctrines and anti-Semitism.—Havas.

NAVAL WEDDING TO-DAY

The marriage will take place at St. John's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. to-day of Gwendolyn Frances Elizabeth Rice, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Mark Rice, of Wotton Rectory, Dorking, Surrey, and Lieutenant-Commander John Mowlan, R. N.

The bride's dress is of white tribute satin, with short train, tight bodice, and full skirt, leg-o'-mutton sleeves and a tulle veil with bandeau of orange blossoms.

The bridesmaid, Miss Caroline Neville, will wear a dress of white tulle, trimmed with blue. The bride's dresses, were made by Mme. Sophie Costides, of Eunice.

Captain I. C. MacCrae will act as best man, while Colonel A. G. Neville, M.S., will give the bride away. The Rev. J. L. Wilson will officiate.

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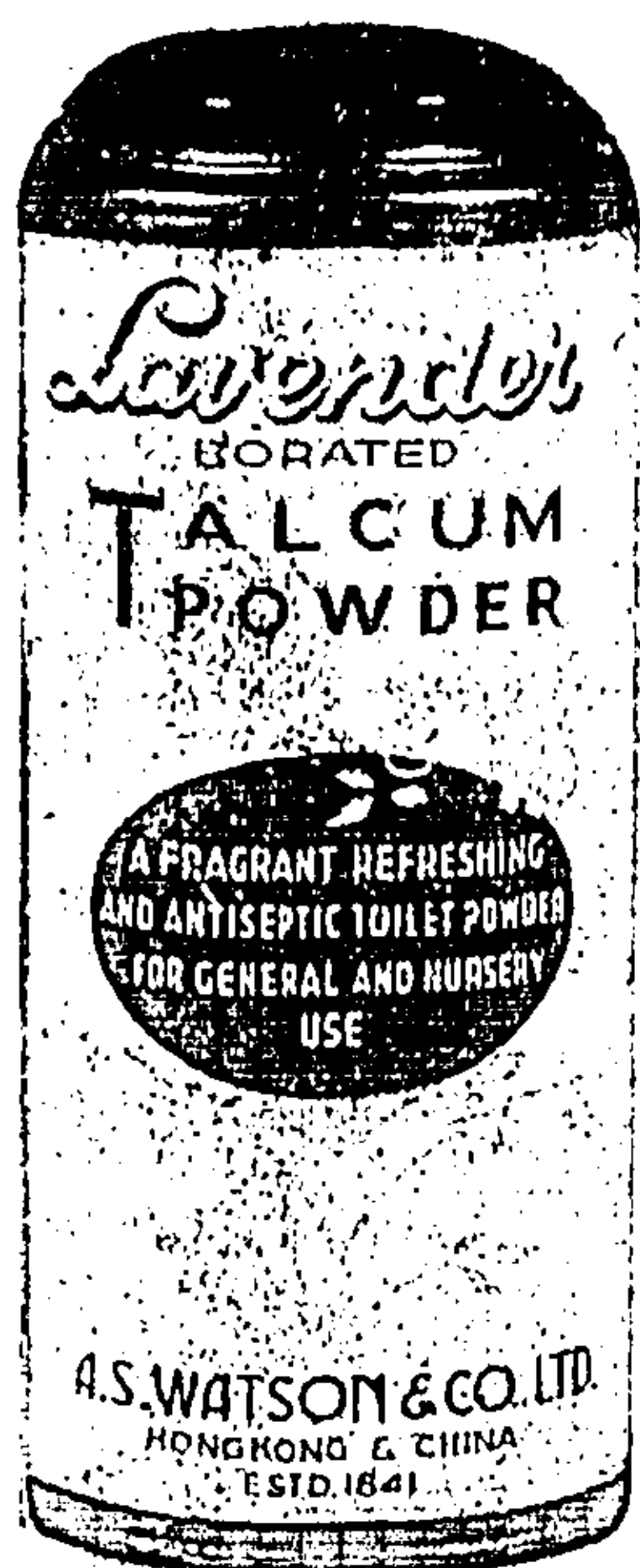
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

BRITISH AIMS

It is tempting for the Opposition, and particularly for an Opposition like the Labour Opposition that has so great an affection for extensive paper schemes, to wish for a detailed programme (which we could all set about at once to pull to pieces), but one wonders whether if Mr. Attlee were in Mr. Chamberlain's place, with a frightful war only just begun, he would be so rash to comply. There are directions in which as time goes on the Government could with profit be more explicit. It could well profit, for instance, and be much more out-spoken about our ideas on the future of colonies. It would impress American opinion rather more were greater emphasis laid on the removal of the economic causes of international discontent. But, much as we should be interested to see them, we can hardly blame the Government for not here and now producing precise proposals for the limitation of national sovereignties in a new European order. We shall have to be a good deal near winning the war before we can venture beyond the broadest of first principles.

But the discussion does good, for it is in its give and take that the Government has its best chance of laying the legend which the Nazis and the Communists foster in common—that we are fighting for an "imperialist" end. It is a useful counter to ludicrous but widely circulated propaganda—"Manchester Guardian."

ISOLATIONIST IMPERIALISM

Colonel Lindbergh's statement that sooner or later the United States must "demand the freedom of this continent and its surrounding islands from the dictates of European power," was quickly interpreted in the "sooner" sense. Senator Lundeen of Minnesota, one of the extreme isolationists, proposed that the United States seize as payments for the war debts "surrounding islands" in the Caribbean that belong to Great Britain.

We hope Canadian, English, French and Latin-American friends whose territories might appear threatened by this isolationist imperialism will not take it too seriously. They may note

that American newspapers immediately denounced the Lindbergh statement as "warmongering" or "Hitlerism" and the Lundeen plan for conquest without a "shot fired" was compared to Moscow's demands on Latvia and Finland. They must know that the vast majority of Americans would uphold Canada's right to "prefer the Crown of England to American independence."

Regret rather than anger will be the feeling of anyone who knows the history of similar proposals. The fact is that Colonel Lindbergh and Senator Lundeen—experts in aviation and farm-labour questions, respectively—have gotten beyond their depth. They will not be followed by any important section of American opinion in such excursions into power politics—"Christian Science Monitor."

TOO OFTEN

The Finns rightly refused to withdraw their troops from the frontier unless the Russians did the same; it cannot be supposed that Finland thinks of anything other than defence. In fact, the wretchedness of the Russian case lies plainly in this from its last Note:—

The Finnish refusal to withdraw troops fifteen miles from the frontier proves the desire of the Finnish Government to keep Leningrad under the immediate threat of its Army.

This of a country of under 4,000,000 people! The picture of the giant menaced by the aggressive pigmy has been painted too often to be believed any more. The dispute has taken a dangerous turn. Russia has staked much prestige, and has done her best to arouse her own people. Finland, although the Russian talk of British and French influence behind her is a propagandist invention, has the sympathy of the world, particularly of the United States. Public subscriptions are being raised for her in Sweden. Her people have greater political liberties than any country bordering on Russia, and her Government has faced this campaign of abuse and threat with dignity and great restraint—"Manchester Guardian."

APPEALING TO THE CRIPPLE

Attempts to press Finland's case in the conference chambers of the tottery League of Nations cannot produce material assistance for the attacked. Firing nor provide effective disciplinary force against the invading Russians. If the League is forced into an effort to judge the case and deal with the offending party the effort can accomplish only one result: formal burial rites for the League.

There may be many who would insist that the League better be formally dead than theoretically alive; but actually ineffective. So they of this school of political thought would welcome a show-down to have the nearly-dead officially buried.

ORDEAL OF SACRIFICE

One of the chief desires of the democracies which are at war is not only to emerge victorious from this present struggle, but from this ordeal of sacrifice to come fitted to construct a better world. To do that it will be necessary to avoid repetition of the mistakes which have greatly contributed to the present lamentable state of affairs, and it will be imperative to make sure for all time that, while Germany shall receive all that is her proper due, she shall never again be allowed to gain such a position from which she will be able to create such trouble as she has at present brought upon Europe.—Mr. Anthony Eden.

If the future of the League must be appraised on the basis of past accomplishments and present usefulness, then early and theoretically honorable burial would be in order. But now is no opportune time to judge clearly the many complicated points to be weighed in passing final sentence on the League of Nations or any body having fundamental objectives such as those of the League. Conditions are not ripe now for the organisation of a world body having the functions which the dreamers and designers of the League of Nations sought to assign to that body. With world conditions what they are, it is utterly impossible to organise the League of Nations in a workable form.

Pressure for the Finnish case before the League now might add a little extra force to the crystallisation of world sentiment against the Russian war-makers and their methods. However, that case is such that it does not require propaganda. Finland needs material help, help of the kind which the League of Nations never has been able to give in a crisis—"Manila Bulletin."

"TAFFRAIL" DISCUSSES THE ODDS IN THE FIRST REAL NAVAL BATTLE OF WAR

London, To-day.

A TALK ON THE BATTLE between H.M.S. Exeter, Ajax and Achilles and the Nazi pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee was given from Daventry last night by Commander Taprell-Doring, better known to his many readers as "Taffrail."

The Exeter, he said, was a vessel of 8,400 tons carrying six 8-inch guns, while the Ajax and Achilles, sister-ships, were of about 7,000 tons each and carried 6-inch guns. All three have a speed of about 32 knots.

The Achilles is actually one of two cruisers in the New Zealand Squadron (the other being H.M.S. Leander the flagship) and "Taffrail" said that, as she was chiefly manned by New Zealanders, congratulations were due to New Zealand for the part she played in the first real naval engagement of this war.

Unlike the Rawalpindi-Deutschland battle, this one was not so one-sided. Although the Admiral Graf Spee is 6 knots slower than the British ships, she carries six 11-inch guns firing a shell of 716 lb. each, with a range limited only by visibility distance.

BROADSIDE HITTING POWER

The Exeter's shells, although of the same range, are only 256 lb. each, while the man-handled 6-inch shells of the Ajax and Achilles weigh only 100 lb. each.

A broadside from the Admiral Graf Spee, therefore, would weigh about 4,708 lb., while a broadside from the combined British ships would only weigh 3,136 lb.

None of the four ships were heavily armoured, and a single shell from the Nazi ship might well have sunk one of the British ships. But, in the traditional style of the Royal Navy, our ships did not hesitate; they attacked the German vessel and forced her to take refuge, in a battered condition.

It is impossible to say what the final end of the Admiral Graf Spee will be, continued "Taffrail." International law permits her to remain in a neutral port long enough to make the necessary repairs to become seaworthy and to take on enough fuel to reach the nearest port of her country—but nothing else.

WON'T BE LEFT

If the German warship is interned, she will be out of action for the duration of the war. If she attempts to leave, she will be shelled by the British cruisers which, now they have found her, will not leave her.

The next few days should see some interesting developments.

It is interesting to note, concluded "Taffrail," that the man after whom she is named, Admiral Graf Spee, was defeated at the Falkland Islands on December 8, 1914, 25 years ago.—Reuter.

CONSUL'S STORY OF THE CLASH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Montevideo, To-day.

The Graf Spee was in Uruguayan waters when she opened fire on the British cruisers.

Interviewed by Havas, the British Vice-Consul at Punta del Este stated the German battleship opened fire while she was 12 miles off Maldonado.

She was immediately attacked by the three British cruisers, which were within 10 miles of her.

The British cruisers are now anchored, 30 miles out of Montevideo, outside Uruguayan and Argentinian territorial waters.—Havas.

FINNS CLAIM VALUABLE SUCCESS

Helsinki, To-day.

A Finnish communique states that at Tolvajaervi the Finnish counter-attacks were crowned with success, and after a three-day battle it is confirmed that two Soviet regiments were destroyed.

The district of Tolvajaervi is again in the hands of the Finnish troops, who are pursuing the Russians.

In the course of local fighting in Karelia, 11 Soviet tanks were destroyed.

On the eastern frontier Soviet troops continue their attacks at Koeronoja, a station between Titkarenta and Kitelae.

The Russians used gas at Suomusalmi.

The Soviet fleet bombarded Kolvisto, and Finnish coastal batteries replied. The Soviet vessels withdrew.—Reuter.

MOSCOW REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

It is claimed here that Soviet troops have advanced 105 kilometres within Finland in the direction of Ukhta.

In the region of Petrozavodsk, it is alleged, Red troops have taken Kitera, on the railway between Pitkaranta and Serdobol.

Bad weather restricted air activity yesterday.—Havas.

TANKS CAPTURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

In the course of violent fighting in the Tolvajaervi region the Finns captured five Russian tanks, many automatic arms and other war trophies.

Near Lake Ladoga the Finns dispersed enemy detachments.—Havas.

RATIONING IN JAPAN?

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

INFLUENTIAL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT FAVOUR CONSIDERATION OF A TICKET RATIONING SYSTEM FOR THE PRINCIPAL DAILY NECESSITIES, ACCORDING TO THE "ASAHI."

This move, the newspaper says, is being considered for adjusting supply and demand and to overcome the hoarding of rice, coal, charcoal, clothing, sugar and other commodities.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STRIKES SPREAD

Shanghai, To-day.

Several more businesses are involved in the strike which is slowly spreading throughout the city.

Yesterday morning some 800 employees of the National Products Company, began a sit-down strike, pending a reply to demands for increased salaries.

Workers of the U. R. Brewery joined the strike yesterday morning.

The first case of looting of rice shops, occurred yesterday. Further riots are feared to-day but the police are taking precautions. The price of rice is slowly falling.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUMANIAN DISASTER

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED AS THE RESULT OF AN EXPLOSION IN A CHLORINE FACTORY IN TRANSYLVANIA.

Tanks of chlorine gas blew up during the night and so far the bodies of 81 factory workers have been recovered.

Others are injured or gassed. The escaped chlorine gas badly hampered the rescue work.—Reuter.

SCOUTS IN BATTLESHIP

A deep-sea Rover Scout crew, numbering forty-three, has been formed in a British battleship and is doing very fine work. This is the largest deep-sea crew in the movement.

DOG-FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA

London, To-day.

Three R.A.F. bombers were shot down and four Messerschmidt fighters fell victim to the British planes in the course of a big aerial battle over Heligoland.

Announcement of the battle is contained in an official Air Ministry communique, which says that throughout the last 24 hours considerable forces of the R.A.F. have been operating over the North Sea.

Our planes were carrying out a wide search for enemy surface craft and submarines, and made a close reconnaissance of the estuaries and fortified islands in north-west Germany.

INTENSE DOG-FIGHT

One formation of our aircraft was engaged by a strong enemy formation over Heligoland.

In the course of intense fighting, in which the British units were heavily outnumbered four Messerschmidt fighters and three R.A.F. aircraft were shot down.

All our other formations returned without loss.—Reuter.

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PEIPING CELEBRATES WITH DIFFIDENCE

Peiping, To-day.

Despite intense propaganda, the granting of a public holiday, decorated streets and organised public meetings, the second anniversary of the installation of the Peiping provisional government apparently failed to elicit any enthusiasm among the Chinese public.

The celebrations coincided with the arrival of Nanking delegates to attend the "united council" meeting which will discuss the position of North China in the proposed new central government, but owing to the absence of Wang Ching-wei, it is considered of little political importance.

The Japanese Ambassador-at-large, Mr. Kato, said in an interview that his visit to North China was merely a routine inspection.

He emphasised that the present situation, involving restriction of foreign interests, would be changed after the conclusion of peace.—Reuter.

"DOCILE OBEDIENCE TO ALLIED MANOEUVRES"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

SOVIET QUARTERS ADOPT a detached attitude over the vote of the League of Nations expelling the U.S.S.R. from the League.

It is merely stated that the League session was completely dominated by Britain and France, and that all the other delegations "yielded docilely to the British and French manoeuvres."

(It is interesting to note in this connection that the prime mover of Russia's expulsion was Argentina).

Soviet political circles stress that the League adjourned discussion of the Chinese and Albanian problems, which had been pending for a long time, in order to take up the Finnish problem.

The composition of the special committee entrusted with examination of the Finnish affair, they state, was another result of the British and French manoeuvres against the Soviet, since nine of the 13 states represented on the committee do not have diplomatic relations with the Soviet.—Havas.

ONLY THREE ABSTENTIONS

London, To-day.

With only three abstentions and Finland, as a party to the dispute, not

voting, the League Council passed the following resolution last evening:

"The Council of the League having taken cognisance of the resolution adopted by the Assembly on December 14 regarding the appeal by the Finnish Government, associates itself with the condemnation by the Assembly, and by virtue of Article 16, paragraph 4, of the Covenant note that by this act the U.S.S.R. has placed itself outside the League of Nations. It follows that the U.S.S.R. is no longer a member of the League."

Members abstaining were the representatives of China, Greece and Yugoslavia.

In his speech the British representative said that in his view the Council had no alternative but to accept the resolution, and if they failed the whole world would doubt the reality of their convictions.

Great Britain and France were fighting in defence of those principles which formed the foundation of the Covenant.—British Wireless.

U.S. AND ALLIED MONEY POOL

New York, To-day.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, said yesterday he saw nothing in the Franco-British economic agreement detrimental to United States interests.

Mr. Morgenthau expressed the opinion that the provisions of the agreement did not "vitalize" the tripartite monetary agreement between Britain, France and the United States.—Reuter.

BIRCH FOR TWO ROBBERS

Pleading guilty to robbery in Kilung Street, Shamshui, on November 6, Wai Ting, 34, was sentenced to two years' hard labour and six strokes; and Ho Hung, 19 to 18 months' imprisonment and six strokes, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

LOSS OF H.M. NAVAL TRAWLER

London, To-day.

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces the loss of H.M. trawler William Hallett, sunk by a mine.

There was only one survivor, the skipper and seven men being reported missing, believed drowned.—British Wireless.

CHINA A MEMBER OF LEAGUE COUNCIL

Geneva, To-day.

Egypt and China were yesterday elected members of the League Council.—Reuter.

AMERICANS HAIL BRITISH VICTORY

New York, To-day.

The American newspapers describe the putting out of action of the Admiral Graf Spee as the first big naval battle of the war, and in streamer headlines proclaim it a British victory.

It is believed here that Graf Spee will be interned in Uruguay for the duration of the war.

It is reported in messages from Montevideo that the captain of the German battleship has asked the German Minister to Uruguay to negotiate with the Uruguayan Government for the battleship's immediate internment for the duration, on the grounds that it will be impossible for her to make the necessary repairs within the 24 hours she is allowed to remain in the harbour, and that even if repairs are possible the vessel could not go to sea again without encountering British warships.—Reuter.

CONVOY AVAILABLE TO NEUTRALS

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill, in a written Commons reply, said: "The protection of our convoy system is available on certain conditions to neutrals, and I believe their losses would be reduced if they accepted this protection more often."

The Admiralty have taken and will continue to take all possible steps to encourage neutral shipping engaged in trade with or for the Allies to participate in British convoys.—British Wireless.

NAZI TRADE TALKS WITH SOVIET

Berlin, To-day.

The Nazi trade negotiations with Soviet Russia are dragging on.

The Soviet economic mission, which has been in Germany for the past seven weeks, left for Moscow on Wednesday night.

The negotiations are by means complete, but the official German news agency says that they will be resumed in Moscow in a few days' time.—Reuter.

JAIL FOR CARRYING REVOLVERS

Fifteen months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Hing and Au Kam-tin, by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, for possession of two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition.

Both accused, said Mr. M. J. Abbott, Assistant Crown Solicitor, are already serving a sentence of six months' imprisonment for conspiracy.

GERMANY ADMITS SUBMARINE SUCCESS

Berlin, To-day.

A German communique admits that a British submarine attacked a German cruiser in the North Sea but conceals the loss of the U-boat.—Reuter.



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H.M. the Queen recently listened to the Tudor Singers at the 18. lunch-hour concert in the National Gallery. Photo shows a study of Her Majesty interested in the programme. (Copyright, Fox).

Jack Doyle — Guardsmen

Jack Doyle—boxer, singer, play-boy — has re-enlisted in the Irish Guards.

In a month, he told the press at Birmingham sometime ago, he will begin work as a physical training instructor. Movita, his film actress wife, will keep house for him in the married quarters at the barracks.

Doyle is a machine-gunner and a good shot.

STEW FOR A STIFF

John O'Meara, restaurant expert, of Chicago, has objected to the slang used by American waiters. Milk toast, he says, has become "stew for a stiff," frankfurters and sauerkraut is "dogs in grass," while the waiters themselves are "soup jockeys."

He has also warned waitresses not to wear engagement rings at work.

Mayoress At 16

For the next twelve months a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl will be Mayoress of Aylesbury, Bucks last month, when Mrs. Olive Paterson, a member of the Borough Council, was elected Mayor, her daughter June was granted special leave from Priors Field School, Godalming, Surrey, to attend the ceremony and be nominated as Mayoress.

"I shall put in as much civic work as possible during school holidays," said June yesterday.

But she won't be able to take the handsome gilt enamel-crested chain of office to school. For, while she continues her studies last year's Mayoress Mrs. French, will deputise for her.

Nine Arabs were killed, several captured, and arms and ammunition seized when men of the Worcestershire Regiment encountered a large rebel band near Hebron, Palestine.

The Cistercian monastery of Stams in the Austrian Tyrol has been seized on the grounds of the alleged political activity of the monks, who have been summarily evicted.

NAZI PLANES 'PINNED TO GROUND'

"We have got the German planes pinned to the ground," a young French flying officer told a war correspondent at the headquarters of the famous squadron, Escadrille Lafayette.

This squadron has lost only one pilot in seven weeks' fighting. One other has been injured.

Just as I was leaving, however, I learned that a French plane flying low over the German lines that morning had been hit in the rear of the wing and the observer, who was in the rear cockpit, was injured.

The pilot brought his plane home safely, without difficulty. Within ten minutes of the observer being wounded he was in hospital.

"Well," said the young flying officer, "the Bosche should be getting proficient by now. He gets good anti-aircraft practice. We make eight to ten reconnaissance flights a day."

The Escadrille Lafayette was founded by and made up of American pilots before the United States entered the last war.

In a small room I saw the original flag of the squadron, photos of the old biplanes of those early days and the insignia of the squadron, a fierce Red Indian in headdress of feathers.

NINE AGAINST FIFTEEN

It was always painted on the machines of the squadron, and just as twenty-five years ago the sight of it was sufficient to make German pilots turn and run, Nazi pilots of 1939 Messerschmitt planes have on several occasions avoided combat with men of the Lafayette squadron.

Beneath the original flag of 1914 is a bottle of whisky. No one may drink from it unless he has brought down a German plane, and he may only have one drink for each plane destroyed.

Proudest day in the history of this group was that of a few weeks ago, when nine French planes engaged fifteen Messerschmitts.

The official "bill" reads: "Five p.m., two Messerschmitts destroyed; 5.5 p.m., two others shot down. In addition another plane was seen to descend in flames behind the German lines."

THANKS GOERING!

In the intelligence section I saw the fruits of French reconnaissance over the German lines—photographs revealing every trench, blockhouse and all the advance posts of the Siegfried Line.

When Hermann Goering was a slim young officer in Baron von Richthofen's famous "flying circus" during the last war he lived for a time in a farmhouse on the Western Front.

Each night he and Von Richthofen used to drink coffee from cups of fine porcelain, which bore the black cross of the Kaiser's Germany and the cocksure motto: "We Germans Fear Only God in All the World."

I have just left that farmhouse, having spent a pleasant hour with the French officers who hold it, and I had the satisfaction of drinking excellent cognac out of Hermann Goering's cup.

First Time In 109 Years

For the first time in 109 years, Lord Mayor's Day in London included no Show, but some of the money that would have been spent on it will go to the Red Cross.

The Lord Mayor, Sir William Coxen, went by car, instead of state coach, to the Law Courts to make his statutory declaration of office.

All the pomp of the Lord Mayor's Show, famous since 1253, was absent owing to the war, but the high officials of the Corporation, including the sword and mace bearers, gave a splash of colour to the procession.

On the footway opposite the entrance to the market, the Lord Mayor was met by Sir Harry Bird and the Billingsgate members of the Corporation.

He was handed an address of welcome and a cheque for £1,250 for the Red Cross Fund.

Board of trade order No. 1103 expressly forbids making the purchase of one article of food conditional upon the buying of others. Many grocers are trying to flout the ban.

VOLCANO MAKES HOT BATH OF THE SEA

The volcano of St. Georges, on the island of Santorin, in the southern Aegean Sea, has been active.

Thick smoke is issuing from the crater and the temperature of the sea is 136 degrees Fahr.

Rumblings and underground explosions have been heard and the right mole of St. Nicholas Creek is sinking.

Ten days ago a volcanic island near Santorin suddenly disappeared under the water. It had been in existence since 1928, when it appeared above the surface of the sea during an eruption.

Tenants Miss Their Free Meal

Many Warwickshire villagers will have to rise early to-morrow so that before sunrise the Duke of Buccleuch may be the richer by sums ranging from 1d to 2s 3½d.

For to-morrow the annual collection of Wroth Silver takes place on Knightlow Hill, between Coventry and Rugby.

As the Duke's representative calls the roll, men from different parishes will step forward and place money due in the hollow of the stump of Knightlow Cross.

For every penny not forthcoming the parish is liable to forfeit a pound or, which would be much more difficult, a wild white bull with red nose and ears.

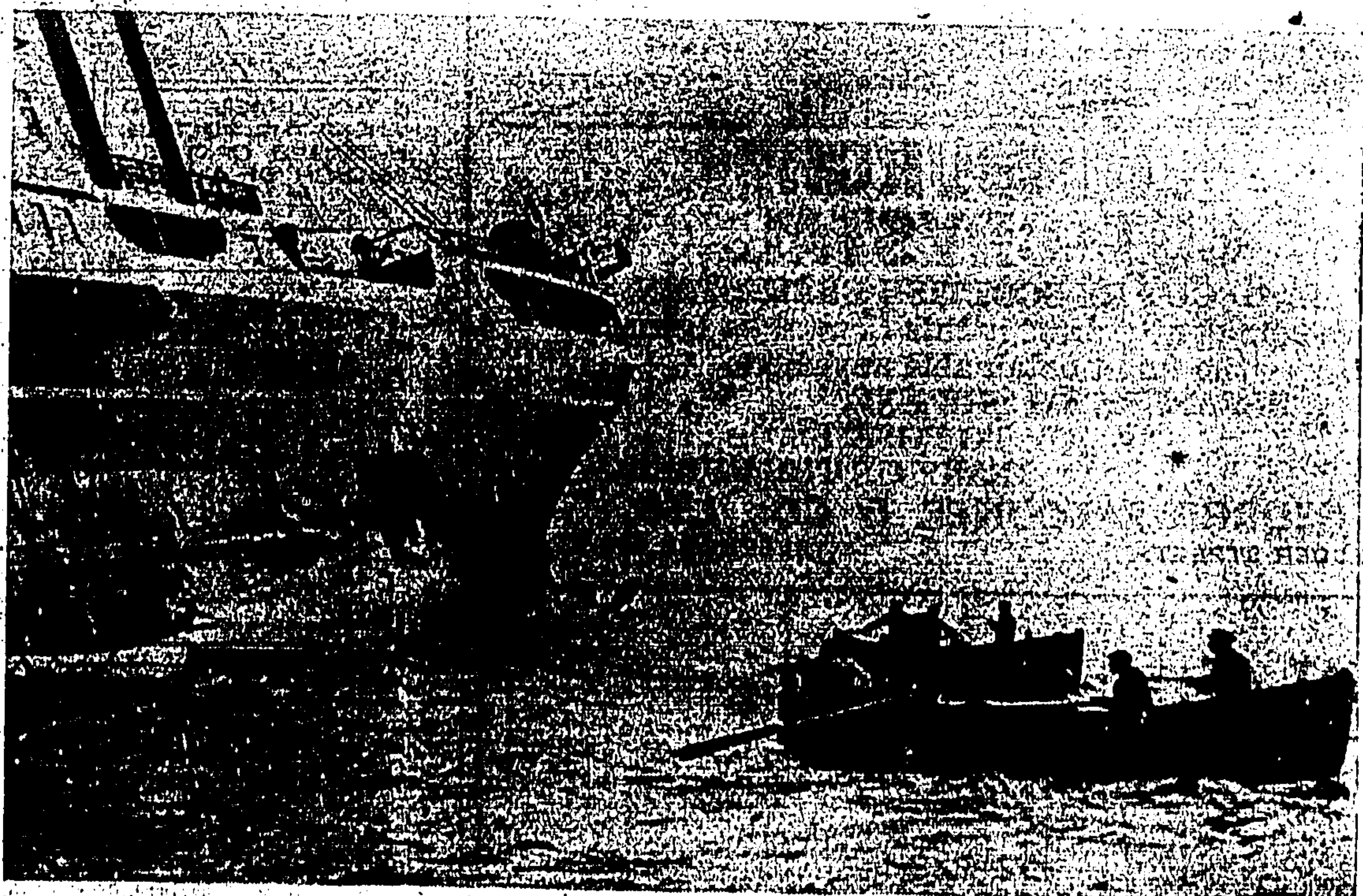
The ceremony is very ancient. It is supposed that the money was paid originally to the Lord of the Hundred in return for protection of tenants' cattle rights.

Usually as compensation for the early rising those taking part in the ceremony are served with breakfast at an inn, where the health of the Duke is drunk in rum and milk and clay pipes are smoked.

But this year a notice says: "It is regretted, but there will not be the usual breakfast."

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A questionnaire issued by the Austrian Centre in England calls for particulars of special qualifications and previous military service. Austrians thereby may be able to offer assistance to the British Defence interests.



The sinking of the Terukuni Maru. British rescuers wait as lifeboats pull away from the liner now taking a heavy list. (Copyright, Fox).



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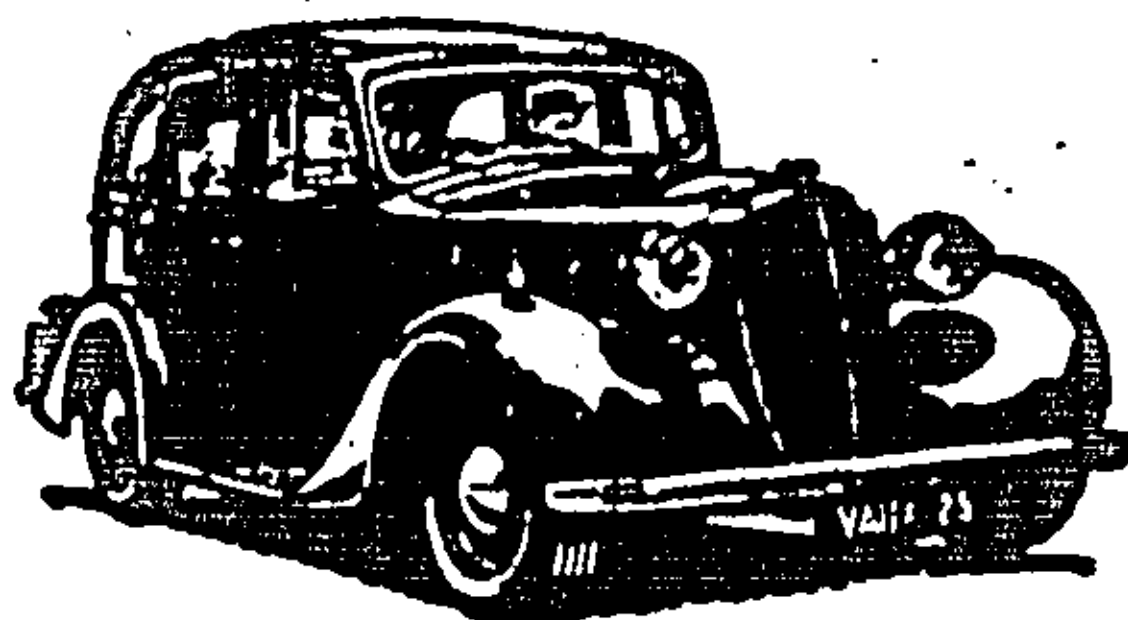
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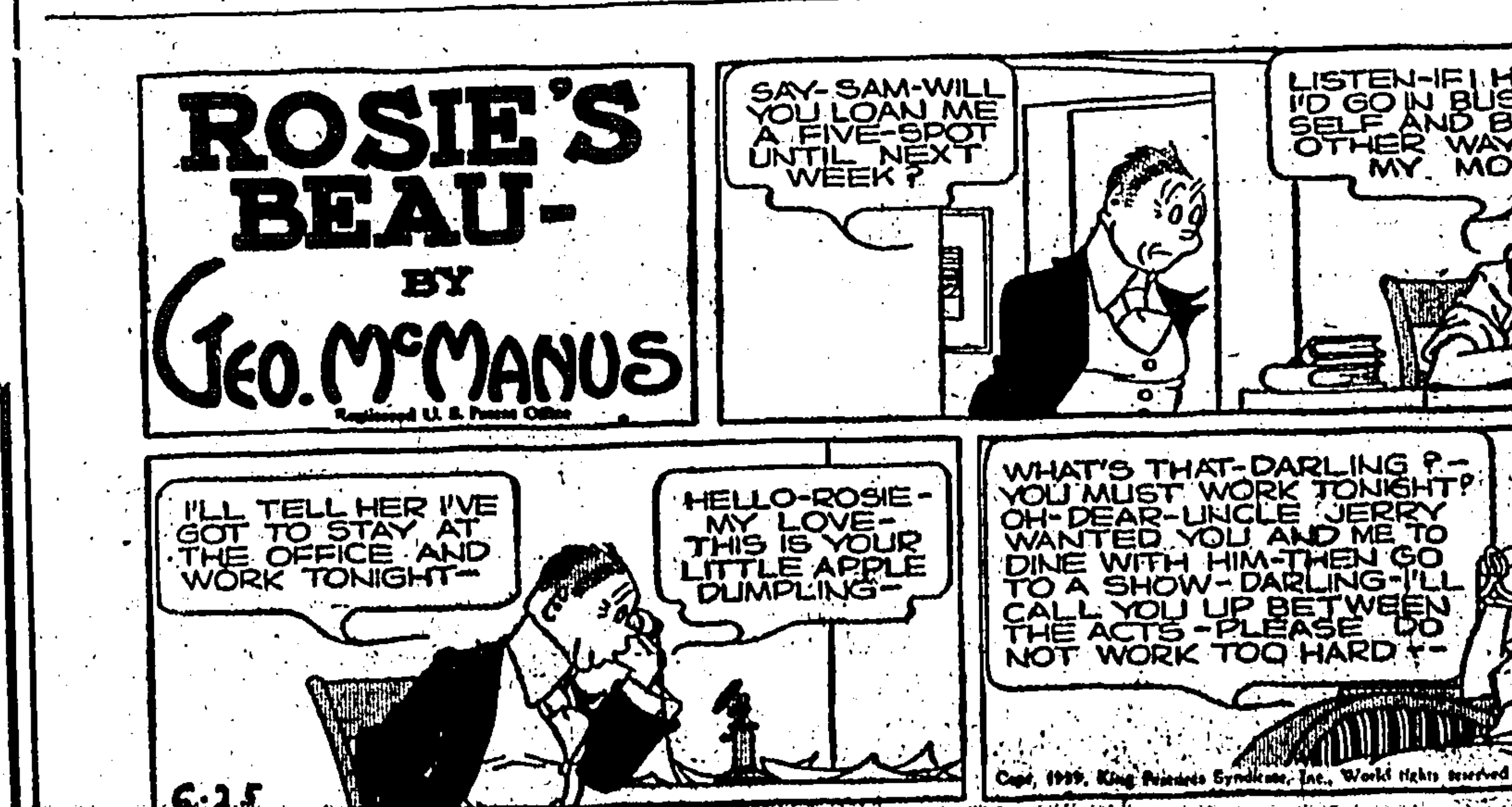
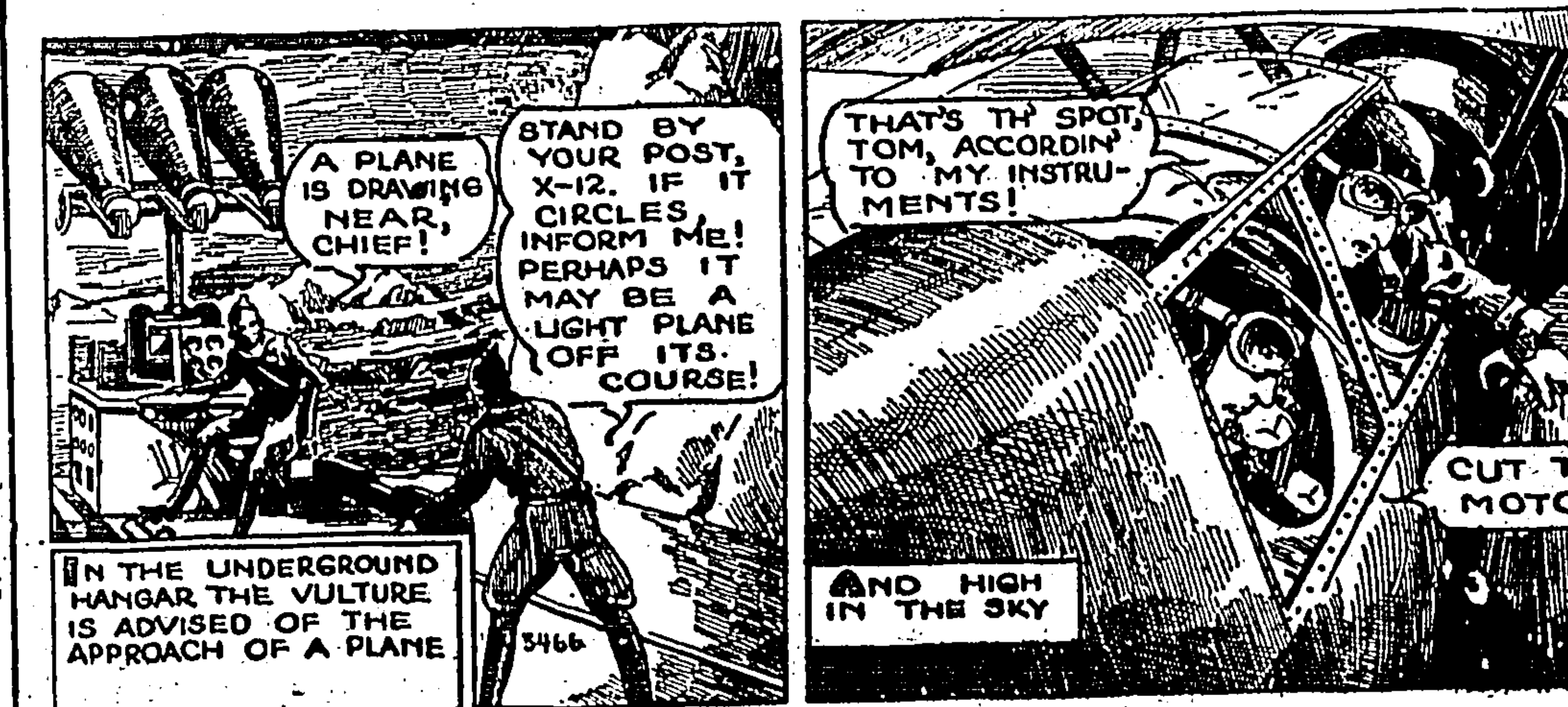
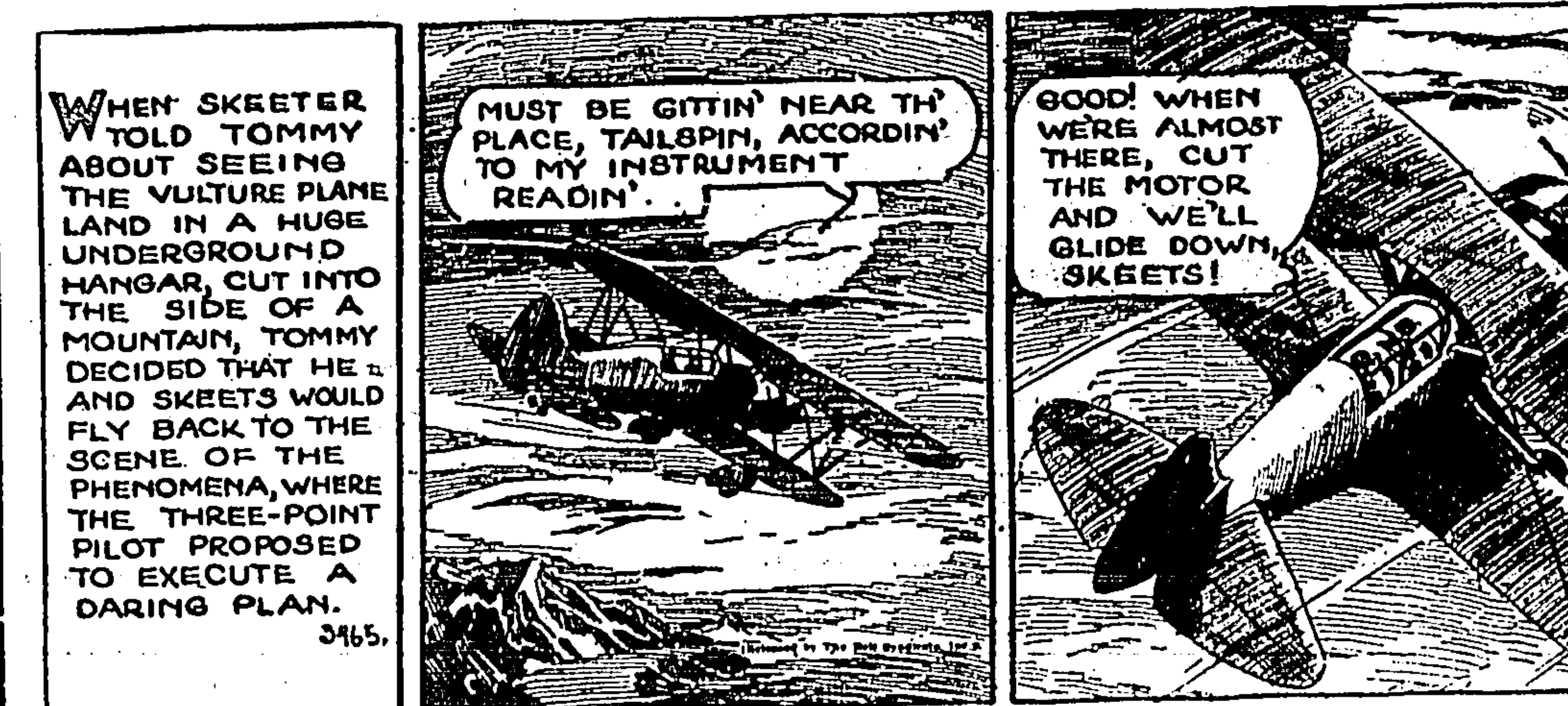
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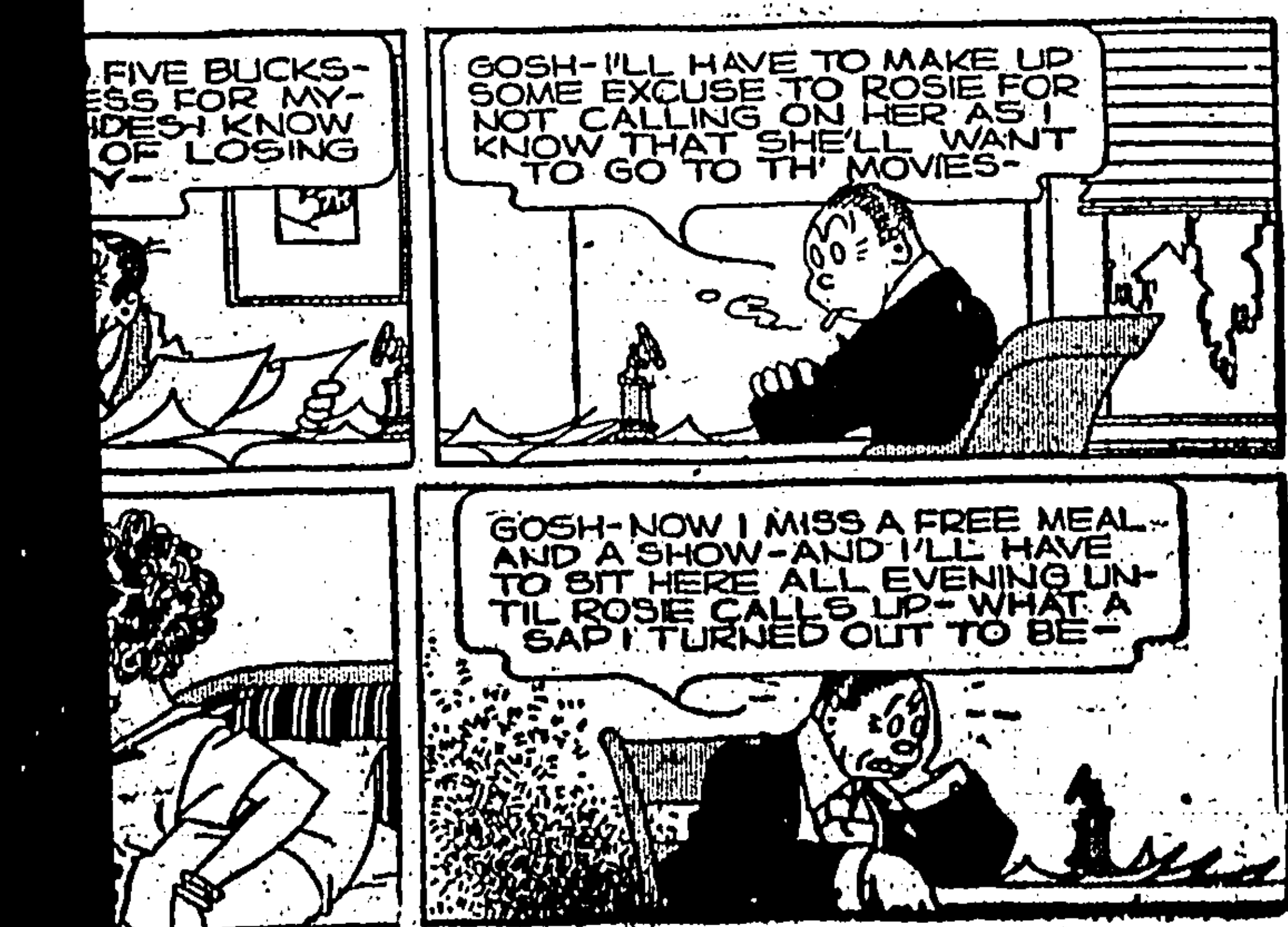
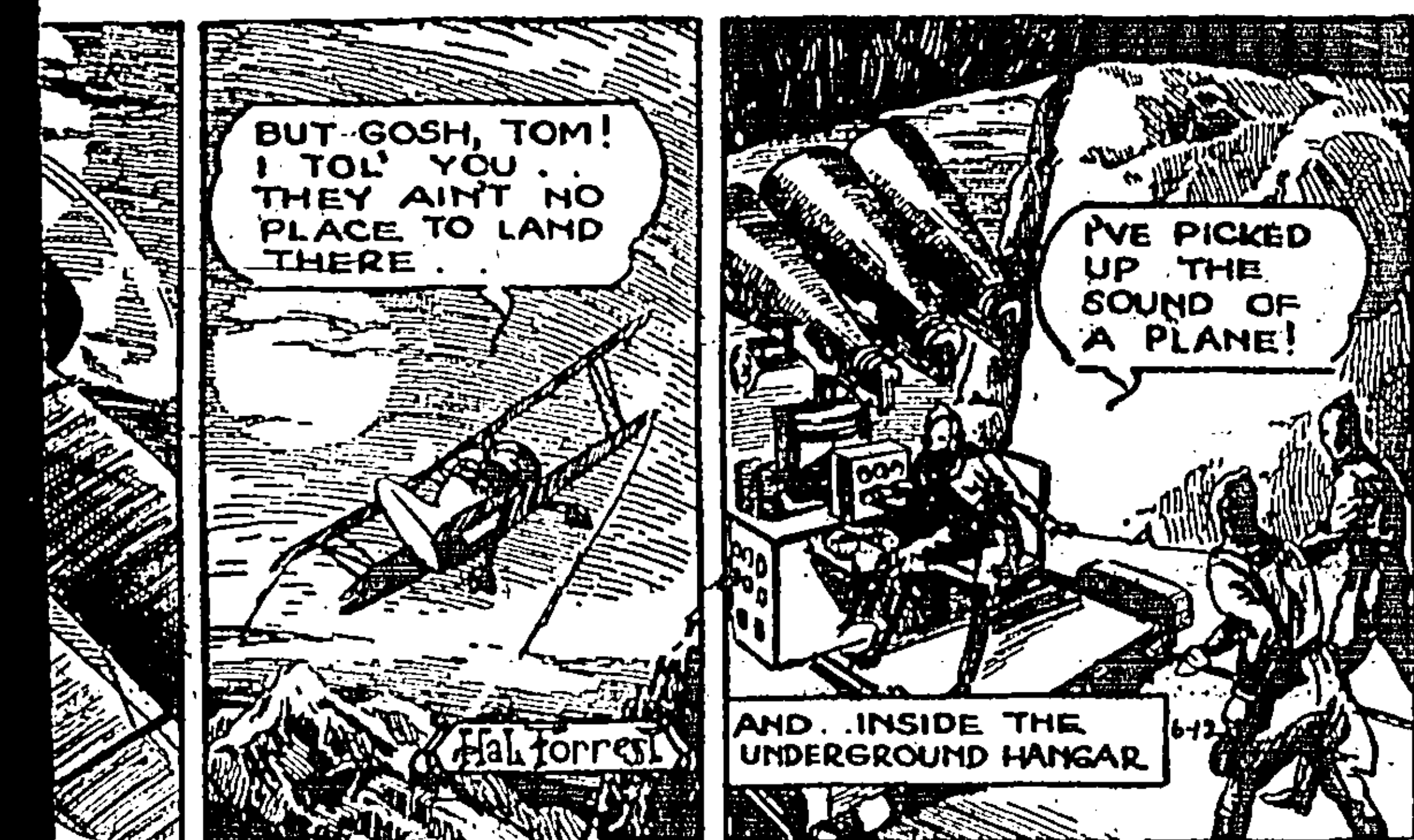
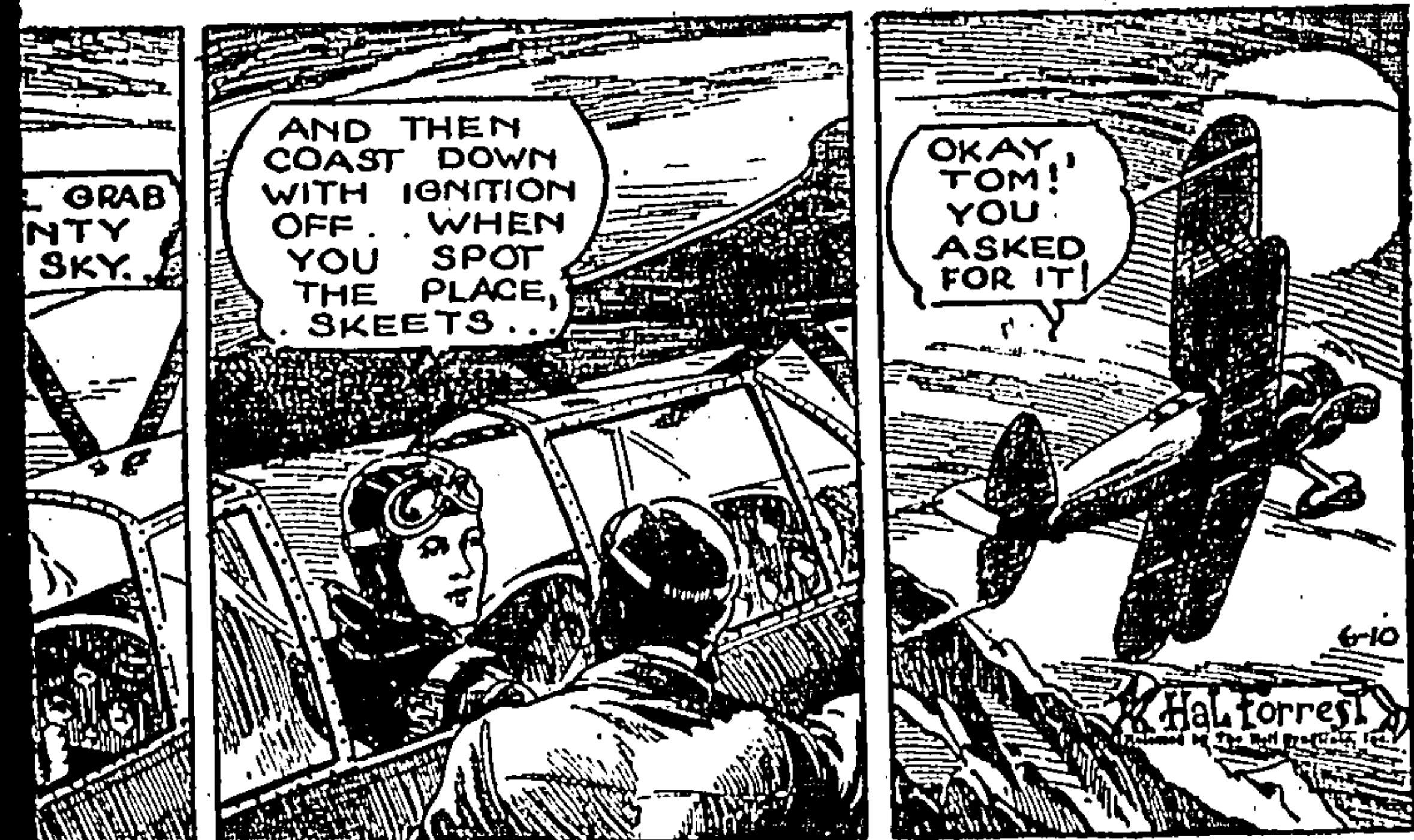
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SHORT STORY

INTELLIGENCE TEST

By N. Scarlyn Wilson

THE Chief of Police laughed.

"Forgive me, señor," he said in mock serious apology, "but your request amuses me. I must either laugh or be angry. And I dislike getting angry. The climate is hot enough without that."

The young Englishman, in the suit of not over-clean white drill, wanted to make a warm rejoinder: but he checked the impulse—not because of the heat, but because he couldn't afford to show his annoyance.

"I don't think so, Excellency," he said. He knew that the other was not entitled to such a dignity as he had given him, but politeness could do no harm. "After all," he went on, "why shouldn't I be of use to you? I'm a good linguist."

The Spaniard shrugged his shoulders.

"So are dozens of others, señor. Waiters, for instance, in your Soho, to which I used to go sometimes when I was an attaché at our legation in London, where I learned English."

"You speak it very well, Excellency." The official waved aside the compliment.

"Languages come more easily to some people than to others," he said. "It is a matter of chance, like having a good memory. But the ability to chatter in several different tongues does not necessarily imply that the man who possesses it has more vital gifts."

He leaned forward across the desk, and his voice lost something of its half-bantering tone:

"Here, in Central America," he said, "we take our politics less phlegmatically than you do in England."

Sanderson smiled faintly as he thought of the volleys of machine-gun fire which had echoed round the Plaza Mayor on the occasion of the elections the week before.

"This is a cosmopolitan city," the official continued, "like Marseilles or Buenos Aires. It is a rendezvous of plotters, concession-hunters, revolutionaries, and scum of all kinds. You will hear French, German, Italian, as well as Spanish in the streets. Very little English. Which is why I am inclined to be curious about you, my friend."

Sanderson met his glance calmly.

"I thought we had been over all that before, Excellency," he said politely. "I have referred you to the British Consul here. He will support my story."

"Yes," replied the other gently, "but who will support the Consul? You know as well as I do that the worthy Douglas has a regrettable liking for whisky—a capital beverage when taken in moderation, but disastrous when imbibed too freely. I find it difficult, on that account, to place much reliance on the testimony of the excellent Douglas."

Thinking of the wreck of a man whom he had visited in the British Consulate, Sanderson could not but agree with the official's bland statement.

"I am constrained, therefore, to use my own judgment, señor," the Spaniard went on, "though I go this afternoon to pay a second visit to the Consul. So far, I know only that you landed here from a banana boat a week or two ago, and that you hoped to engage in a commercial enterprise which has not materialised."

"That was not my fault, Excellency," Sanderson protested. "How was I to know that the man whose plantation I had come out here to manage would be shot, when your new President seized power two days before I arrived?"

"It was unfortunate, certainly," agreed the other suavely. "But the infamous character of your prospective employer is no great recommendation for you in my eyes. Don Ramon Sebastian y Guevara—the scolding syllables rolled impressively off his tongue—is a great man. You have heard much of graft, corruption, and inefficiency in this part of the world, no doubt? All that was true. But it will stop it—he stressed the word—"If the life of the new President is spared. And it is my business to safe-

guard it, despite the plots which are being continually hatched against him.

You ask me for work in my intelligence department, giving your gift of tongues as a qualification. I tell you—he rapped the desk before him—"I can find many men who speak three languages, but that does not mean they are necessarily intelligent and honest as well."

Sanderson lost his temper at that.

"Then you think I'm a spy or something?" he said hotly.

"I mean, señor," the official told him, "that I know nothing about you at present. When I have more information I shall know what to do, one way or the other. Meanwhile, I regret infinitely. . . ."

He broke off with an expressive gesture, and, outwardly calm but cursing inwardly, the young Englishman walked out of the room and passed out of the main gate, before which two slovenly sentries were posted, into the torrid mid-day heat.

It was 3 o'clock when he ventured out from his stifling room, pursued by the suspicious glances of the landlord, a surly fellow, whose manner clearly indicated that he would show his guest short shrift when his money gave out. And that, Sanderson reflected gloomily, as he made his way along the evil smelling street, would not be long unless luck came his way for once.

He hadn't had much lately. The crash had come at home, and he had had to find something quickly or go under, so he had jumped at the chance offered him. And now it seemed that instead of going under in England, he would do so in Central America. Either starve or become one of the poor devils of beach-combers, or like the consul, whose will-power had been rotted by the climate.

And yet there were the makings of a country out here. If the new administration survived, and the resources of the land were developed properly, instead of being exploited by foreign syndicates and crooks whom the new President had announced his intention of turning out—and they'd had a long enough innings in these coast republics—something worth while would come of it.

But the President mightn't last long with an unscrupulous gang against him. Nor would he, for that matter, if things didn't improve pretty quickly: which brought his thoughts back to their unpleasant point of departure. There were few people about. It was still too hot. "Mad dogs and Englishmen," he murmured. But he couldn't have endured the depressing atmosphere of his own room any longer, and, following the main thoroughfare, he came out into the almost deserted Plaza de Independencia.

The air shimmered with heat. One or two beggars were crouched in the shadow of the Cathedral porch. A dog, too apathetic to scratch itself, panted distressfully under the lee of a wall. The whole place seemed to be asleep.

It was useless to walk any further in that heat, especially as he had nowhere definite to go. He looked about for a wineshop, whose prices were likely to be in keeping with the leanliness of his purse, and saw a humble-looking place in the corner, with a dingy awning protecting the chairs and tables standing outside it.

He headed for it, and sat down with a sigh of relief, ordering a glass of the thin beer of the country—it was cheaper than wine—from a drowsy waiter, who seemed to resent the presence of a customer at this time of the afternoon, when all sensible folk were still enjoying their siesta.

Though he had his back to the wall, an awning above his head, and a tub of dusty evergreens screening him from view on one side, Sanderson still found the heat almost overpowering.

He had meant to sip his drink and think things out, but he found coherent thought impossible and fell into a kind of stupor, his eyes wide open but unseeing, his faculties torpid.

It was some time before he heard the murmur of voices, and still longer before he paid any attention to the sound. But something peculiar about

it eventually aroused his dormant sentries.

It was an unusual conversation because it was carried on in three languages. Two of the speakers—the different voices were clearly distinguishable—subsequently translating their remarks into Spanish, evidently for the benefit of the third member of the party.

But, whilst the polyglot character of the conversation was surprising, the subject of it was even more so, and Sanderson, who had begun by listening idly, as to the talk of fellow-travellers in a railway carriage, was soon straining his ears so as not to miss a word of what passed between the unseen customers in the interior of the little wine-shop.

The voices sank lower yet, and Sanderson, with whom the police official's doubts of his capacity still rankled, leaned closer to the shuttered window behind him.

The movement was his undoing. His chair began to slide from under him, and to save himself from falling, he was forced to shoot his leg sharply out. A chair was pushed back, and Sanderson heard steps moving towards the open doorway.

There was no time to get away. To run for it would be to admit that he had understood the talk intended for no other ears than those of the three inside, and he knew very well that he would not get far before being dealt with in a manner that would effectually prevent him from passing on what he had heard: a knife-thrust in the back was a convenient method of ensuring secrecy in these parts.

He had to think quickly, and when the foremost of the three—a particularly tough-looking citizen—emerged from the wine-shop with his companions close behind, it was to find an obviously fuddled individual, swaying slightly on his heels, and staring owlishly at him.

"Salud!" he muttered fatuously, and, raising the glass to his lips, he drained it and set it down noisily on the table.

To the waiter, who had come out to see what had disturbed the others, Sanderson handed a five-peso piece, and waved aside the change with a lordly air—a heroic gesture in view of the state of his finances and the price of the beer, 40 centimos—but its very extravagance served, as he hoped it would, to dispel something of the suspicion which the three clearly entertained.

They made no effort to detain him, but, when he lurched off in the direction by which he had come, they followed at a discreet distance.

Nor did they show any signs of desisting. Rather, they drew nearer, particularly in those streets where there were still few people about; and, with growing dismay Sanderson, shambling uncertainly along, thought of what was likely to happen when he reached the squalid, suspect quarter in which his straitened circumstances had obliged him to find a lodging.

There was no chance, apparently, of them sheering on, and to break into a run now would be madness.

Somehow or other he had to allay their suspicions, and, at length, when the steps behind him grew unpleasantly close, an idea struck him. He turned off to his right at the next turning, trying to make his actions seem as aimless as possible, and at the far end of the road he saw the gate through which he had passed that morning, with two sentries on guard on either side.

It was an awkward moment. His pursuers might jump to the conclusion that he was going to see the Chief of Police, and decide, at all costs, to prevent his getting there. The thought sent a cold shiver down his back despite the heat, but he zigzagged along the road, trying to give the impression that he had no purpose at all in view.

His pursuers were plainly uncertain, but they drew nearer yet. By the time he reached the gate they were no more than two or three paces distant, and he heard a sharp intake of breath behind him as he halted and stared insolently at the perspiring

Then he pointed at one of the two and broke into a torrent of the vilest abuse which he could summon to his command—and his vocabulary was extensive. He brought his utterance to an end with a few well-chosen epithets reflecting gravely on the sentry's parentage, and ended by picking up a handful of dirt from the road, and flinging it at him.

The sequel was inevitable. The pair left their posts with one accord and bore down upon him. In a second they had hauled him, none too gently, inside the gate, and the three, their doubts as to his condition finally set at rest, lounged off.

The outraged sentries also very definitely shared the view of his late pursuers. The sudden sobering of their prisoner left them entirely unconvinced and without listening to his urgent protests, they thrust him unceremoniously into a filthy cell in the calaboose. The action seemed to relieve their over-wrought feelings considerably.

It was not until some hours later that Sanderson, dragged from his verminous place of confinement, was brought once more before the Chief of Police and, this time, the official's manner was not friendly.

"So, señor," he began contemptuously, "I might have known it. I had thought of arranging a little test of your vaunted capacity, but I find, from this report, that you have saved me the trouble. You get drunk, insult my sentries, and expect me, I suppose, to consider your conduct as a recommendation?"

He spoke cuttingly, but the Englishman showed no sign of being abashed. On the contrary, he reddened with anger.

"What the devil do you mean by keeping me locked up in that foul hole?" he demanded furiously. "I've been there for about five hours."

"I regret, señor, that you have been put to so much inconvenience," retorted the Spaniard with offensive politeness. "But your excellent countryman detained me for two hours on some flimsy pretext. But for that I should have taken steps for your release—and for your expulsion from the country—somewhat sooner. I assure you, however," he added gently, "that there will be no undue delay about that."

Sanderson ignored the thrust.

"So the Consul wasn't drunk?" he asked.

"No, señor," was the caustic reply. "But you very ably stepped into his shoes in that respect. Sangre de Dios," he went on furiously, swinging round, as an officer burst into the room, "is there no door to knock on? No respect for orders here?"

The offender saluted.

"Your pardon, señor coronel," he said hurriedly. "I could not be quite sure that all was well. But we have the assassins laid by the heels."

The chief of police stared at him in amazement.

"Explain yourself, man," he said impatiently.

The officer smiled.

"It appears that the English señor has not told you then?"

"Told me? What should he tell me?"

"Only that you owe him much, señor coronel. If he had not — er — persuaded a prison sentry. . . ."

"Persuaded" is good," Sanderson broke in with a grin. "It cost me my last 10 pesos to 'persuade' the fellow to take a note round to the Consul, and another to the President's palace. You see," he went on, "I had to pretend to be drunk in order to get in here without being laid out first by the plotters, whose little scheme I had overheard—and, by the way, they were talking Russian and German as well as Spanish. It was only when I got inside, and had been duly locked up for my pains, that I remembered that you had gone to the Consul, so I sent word to him to keep you there at all costs, and the devil's own job I had to convince the prison sentry that I wasn't crazy, or even drunker than

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The Spirit Behind The Machine

Hitler Daunted By Power Of The Allies

THIRTEEN weeks have elapsed since Britain's declaration of War. Yet though there have been no large-scale war operations, there have been engagements on sea, on land and in the air. Precious lives have been lost. Serious material damage has been done. But the great mass attack which most people thought would take place, has not begun.

The fundamental reason is that the enemy has been daunted by the power of the Allies. He realises now what is facing him. Drunk with the success he had achieved in the past, Hitler was convinced that he could repeat his acts of aggression. But the limit had been reached when, flushed with previous victories and despite the solemn warnings of Britain and France, he marched into Poland.

War began—not about Poland itself, though the Allies will stand by that gallant people who are temporarily crushed beneath the weight of metal and superior numbers. War began because aggression had reached its limit.

Over two months have gone by, and I compare the situation now with what it was in the early stages of the last Great War. French troops have invaded Germany. British aeroplanes have made flights, not only

over the Siegfried Line, but far beyond, to the north and to the south. The British Expeditionary Force is in position, far better equipped than the B.E.F. was 25 years ago. The Navy has been more successful, despite sad losses, during the past nine weeks, than it was in the first nine months of the last great war.

A quarter of a century ago the enemy was on the attack. Britain, France and Belgium were on the defensive. To-day, the enemy is held. There have been magnificent exploits in the air and on the sea. But there has been nothing spectacular on the grand scale. Yet steady preparation and organisation proceeds. As the hours and the days, the Allies grow stronger. Hitler, ill-advised by Ribbentrop as to the temper of the British people and their determination to resist any attack on their liberties, is now desperate and disillusioned. Our power grows. Hitler's power has begun to evaporate.

His spiritual and material resources shrink as time passes. He knows that he is facing disaster.

Not only Right, but Time is on the side of the Allies. The plans which are maturing, the terrible pressure which is developing, are not spectacular and dramatic. They cannot be filmed or shown in pictures in the papers. Nevertheless they are real, are the measure of our war strength.

But that is not to say that we should be self-satisfied. Complacency is not the mood for wartime. It is, of course, a tremendous task to change over from peace to war conditions. The transformation of the nation's life with its millions of adjustments cannot be completed without delays and without mistakes.

We cannot close our eyes to the fact that though enormous preparations have been made and carried through, Britain is not yet, as a nation, as fully keyed up to its responsibilities as is necessary in order to exercise its maximum power in the shortest space of time.

Nor are we, it seems to me, using our human resources to the best advantage. I am a believer in public control, but some of the controls which have been initiated have not in all cases utilised the brains and experience of practical people. They have tended to become bureaucratic.

We have not as yet tackled problems of fundamental reorganisation. The State has taken enormous powers, some of which it is using intelligently, but others with less intelligence.

In spite of the determination of the vast majority of our people, to see this struggle through to a successful issue, there are some whose prejudices and interests stand in the way of complete national mobilisation. But it is clear that private interests must be completely subordinated to the public wellbeing.

New ways must be found to face new tasks. The centralised authority of the Dictator must be met by the full national organisation of a free people.

We are not making rapid headway in these directions. We have taken certain steps to deal with profiteering, it is true; but nothing short of the organisation under public auspices of the key industries and services will meet the situation.

Nor are we facing with courage the human problems of the war. In the last resort it is always human

By the Rt. Hon.
ARTHUR GREENWOOD,
Deputy Leader Of The
Opposition in the
House of Commons

power which tells. The most vital element to-day is the morale of the people. It is essential that every possible step should be taken to maintain their spirit.

Take, for example, the question of old age pensions. There is a widespread demand in the country that the lot of the pensioners should be cases they are suffering privation. Their plight is a source of unhappiness to their relations and friends. improved. In large numbers of Yet so far all the Government has done is to promise to continue investigations.

Again, we have been allowing the young life of the nation to run to waste. It is true that education presents difficulties in war time. But it is obviously criminal folly and shortsightedness to close the doors of our schools against the child population.

These criticisms of our shortcomings are not born of a carping spirit. They are made with a desire to improve the quality of the national effort.

Whilst we can take pride in our achievements, we ought not to be blind to the things we have not done which we ought to have done.

This war is not the Government's war. It is the people's war. They do not want to waste their own lives and the lives of their children. They pray that it will be quickly ended, and that permanent peace will be established. But to achieve this end, there must be concentration of national power to serve the nation's ends.

There must be that efficiency of organisation which is necessary to thwart the centralised power of Hitler. But behind the machine, there must be the all-powerful spirit of a determined people.

That spirit exists. We must all do everything in our power to fortify it.

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INTELLIGENCE TEST

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he thought. The President's guard apparently did the trick, but, thank the Lord that Douglas was sober!"

"That is so," put in the officer. "They found the three ruffians waiting in the porch of San Jose, with a clear get-away through the sacristy door at the back ready for use when the bomb had been thrown."

"But this plot you overheard," exclaimed the chief of police, who had been listening with rising exasperation. "You took an outrageous risk. Why did you not send word to the British Consul to tell me of it? The President's safety is my responsibility, not your's. He might have been killed through this meddling."

"And if I had," said Sanderson calmly, "what would you have done?" "Come straight back here, of course. Do you take me for a fool, senor?"

The Englishman grinned at the other's indignation.

"I thought you would, and I therefore used my intelligence, of which you entertained the gravest doubts, I understand. And I assure you that after to-day's plot the death of the President could easily have been contrived."

"After to-day's plot?" echoed the Spaniard in bewilderment.

"Exactly," said Sanderson. "You see, Senor, you do not fully understand. It was not the President the bomb was meant for this time."

"Not the President?" "Oh, no, senor. It was meant—for you! And now what about my intelligence?"

"Caramba!" exclaimed the chief of police. "But for you!" He pushed a box of cigars towards Sanderson.

"I can protect the President," he said with a smile, "but who is to protect me? Senor Sanderson, this office is more comfortable than your cell. Help yourself, amigo mio."



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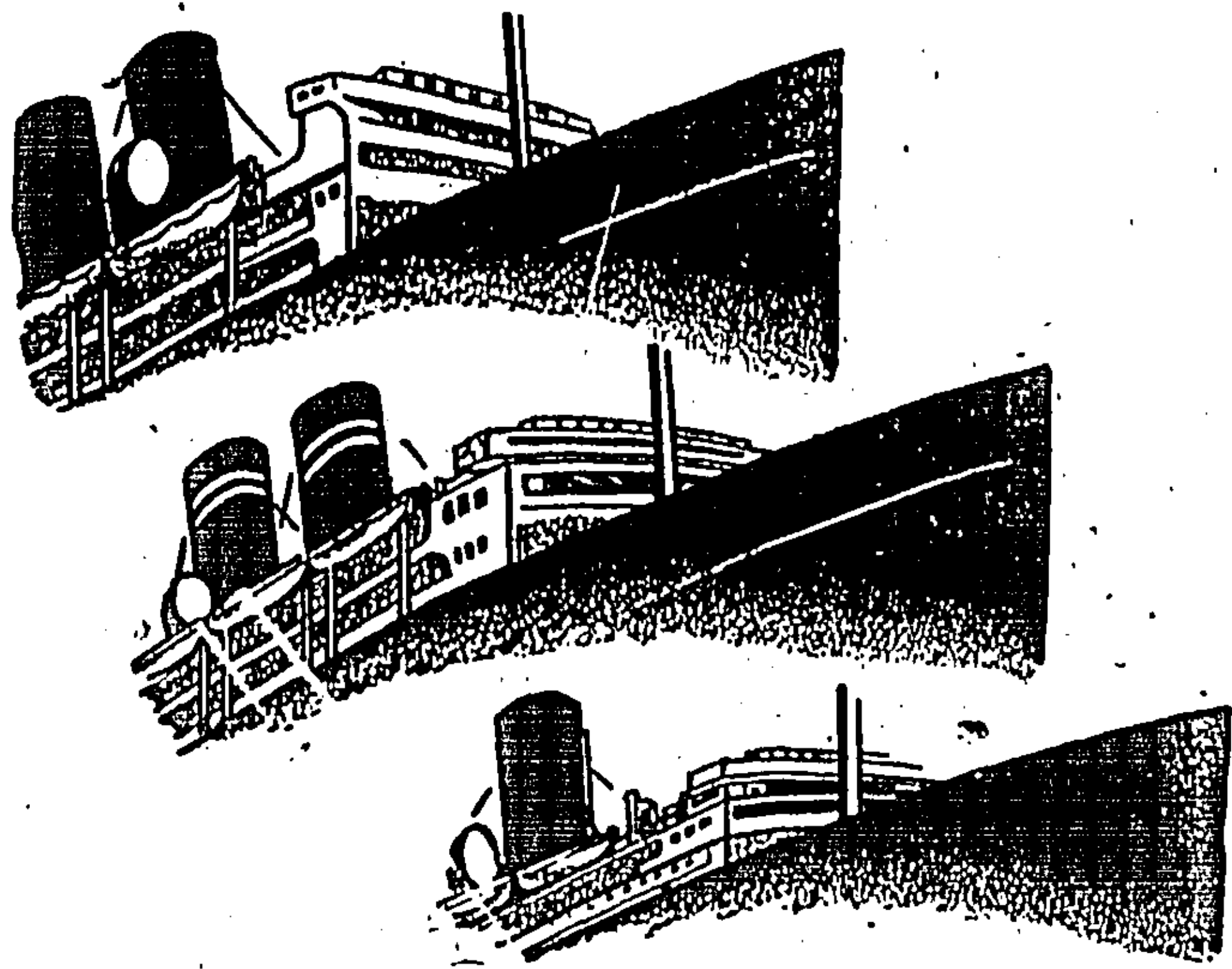
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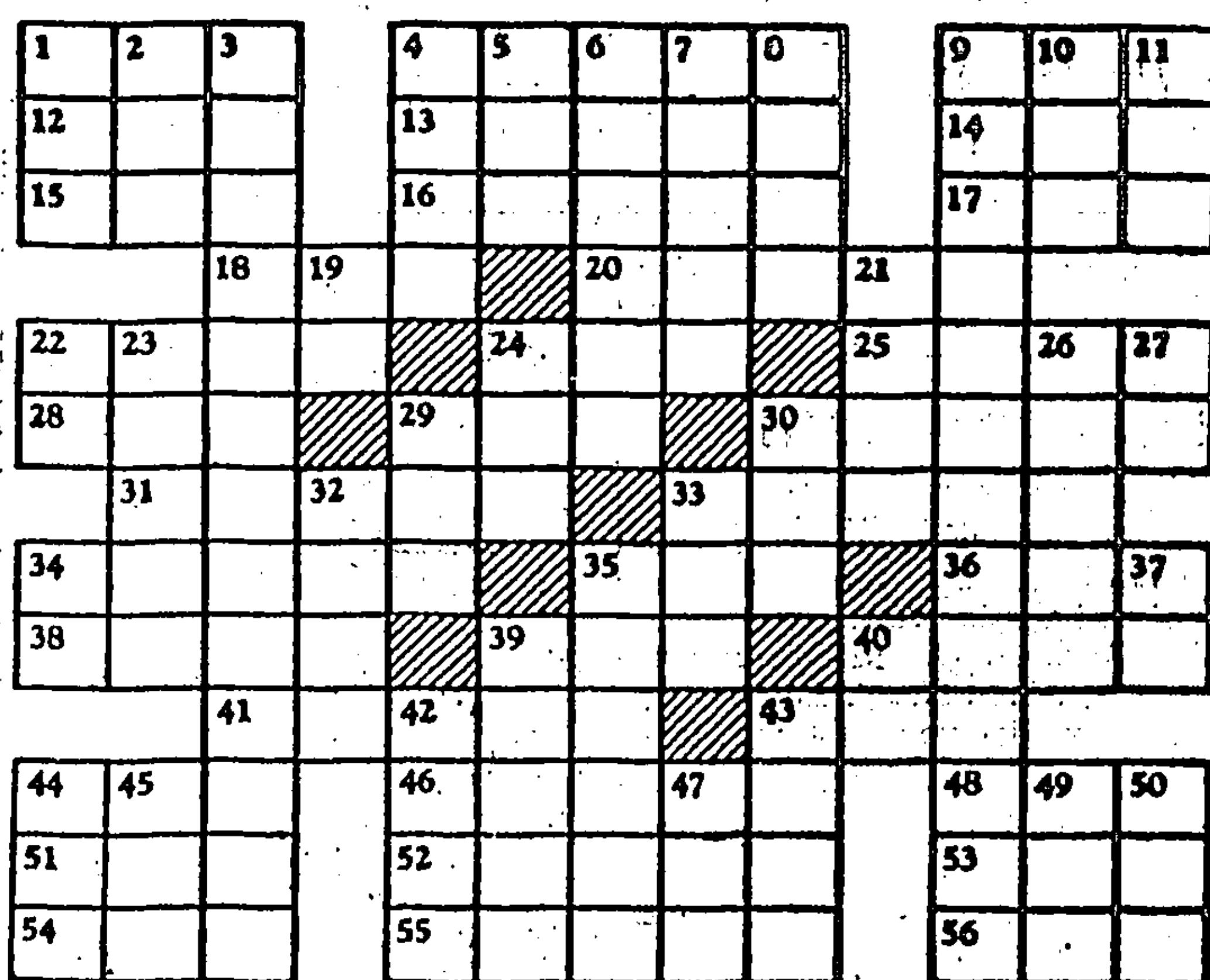
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- 35 To rest
- 36 Slender animal
- 38 Image
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- 41 Pertaining to ships
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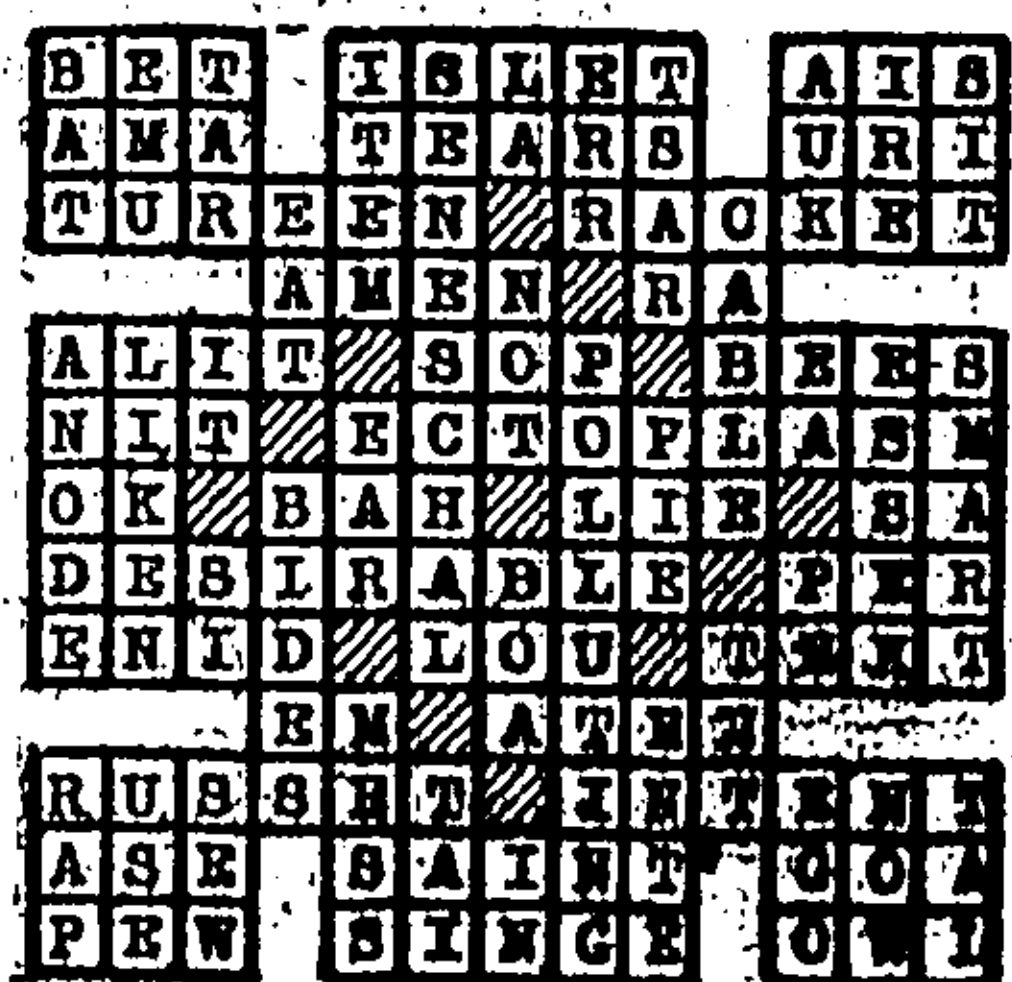
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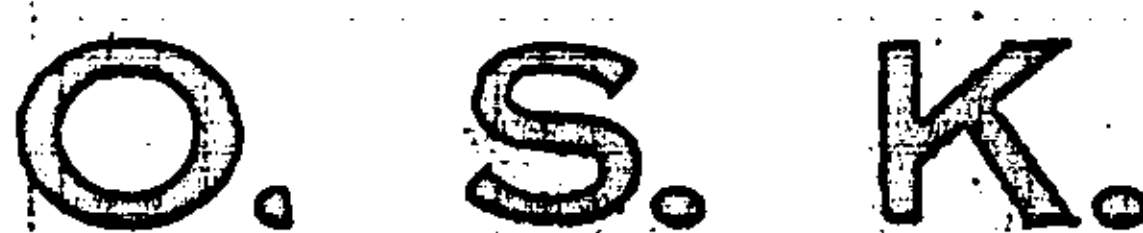
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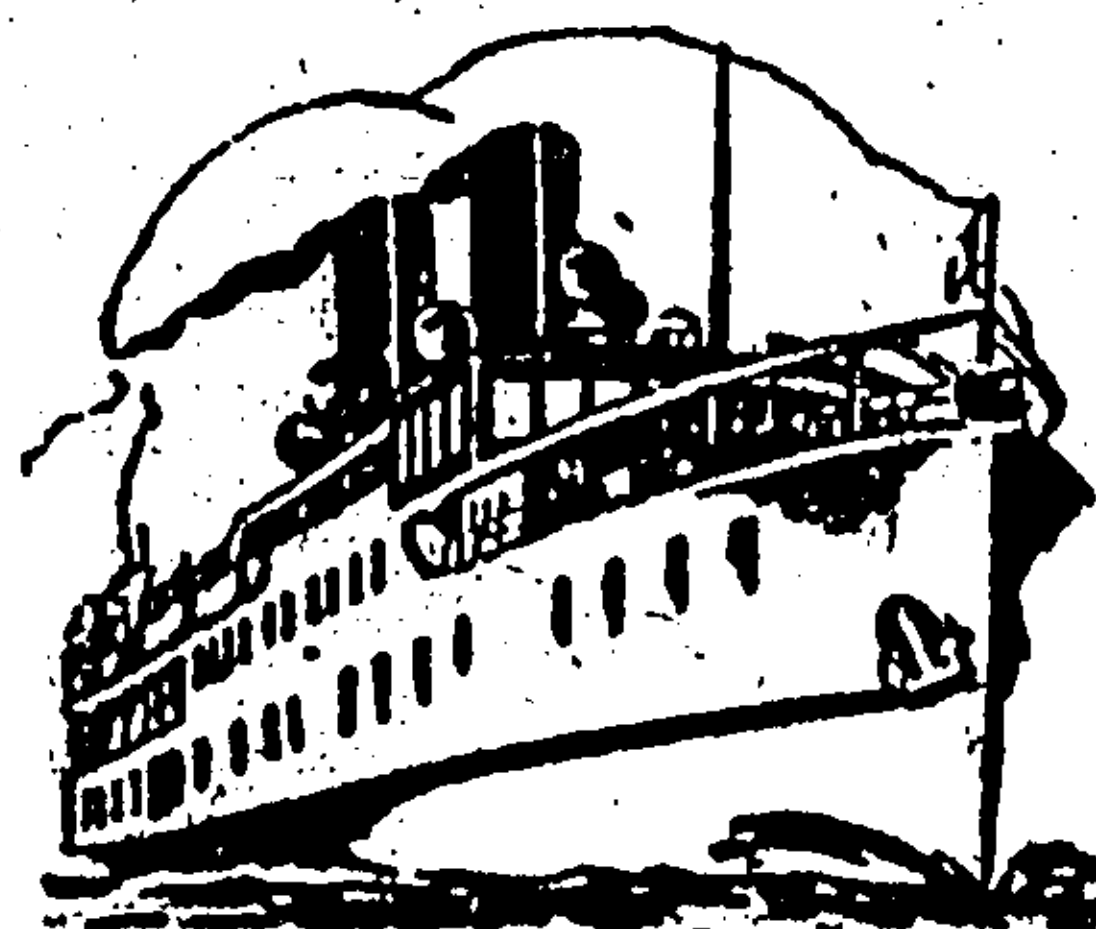
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9.28	P. S. Delany, M. D. Cooper.
9.32	D. Humphreys, E. T. McHullen.
9.36	A. L. Potter, E. L. Groom.
9.40	L. M. S. Lloyd, P. Morrison.
9.44	J. M. Pearson, M. Pollock.
9.48	W. W. C. Shewan, T. Megarry.
9.52	T. A. Pearce, G. C. Worrall.
9.56	A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.00	S. T. Butlin, T. Low.
10.04	Comdr. Hole, A. B. Purves.
10.08	R. Young, A. E. Lissaman.
10.12	D. J. Gilmore, E. D. Lawrence.
10.16	W. Sharp, A. A. Bremner.
10.20	D. H. Clark, L. Jackson.
10.24	S. S. Church, E. R. McKay.
10.28	B. O. Baldwin, P. E. Annis.
10.32	H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	H. G. Sheldon, W. Hewitt.
10.40	H. C. Watson, P. C. Jackson.
10.44	F. C. Young, W. Bastin.
10.48	J. G. Campbell, J. W. MacLeod.
10.52	Major Hogg, Major Heane.
New Course	
9.24 a.m.	Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
9.32	Capt. Giles, Major Meek.
9.40	Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Bremner.
9.48	Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

CHARITY BAZAAR

The charity bazaar of the Hong Kong Branch of the National Women's Relief Association will be held to-day from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Causeway Bay Chinese Recreation Club.

Eighteen stalls will sell a variety of useful goods and tea will be served. The major portion of the net proceeds will be used to buy winter garments for the Chinese Front, while the remainder will be divided into a portion for the association's own relief work and into a portion for the Hong Kong branch of the British War Relief Fund.

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MISS RUMJAHN THROUGH

Miss R. Rumjahn advanced to the second round of the women's singles tennis championship when she eliminated Mrs. A. C. Hutchison 6-0, 6-3 on Sunday. Mrs. N. W. Smeby has been given a walk-over by Mrs. Marriott.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE CASE OF
GUILIELMA
SANDS

BY VANCE WYNN

ONE of the most famous and perplexing of America's murder mysteries came to light in the environs of New York City during Christmas week, 1799.

Ellis Ring, a Quaker, and his wife, Catharine, dwelt in a farmhouse occupying the site of what later became the Franklin St. Station of the 9th Avenue elevated railroad. Living with them as boarders were Mrs. Ring's sister, Hope Sands; her cousin, Guilelma Sands, and Levi Weeks, a master carpenter.

The Sands girls had come to the Ring farm early in the Autumn, and within three weeks after their arrival, Guilelma, a maiden of ravishing beauty, had embarked upon a love affair with Weeks. As he was a young man of excellent prospects, brother of the owner of the City Hotel, on Broadway, the Rings did not discourage his attentions to their pretty cousin.

On the night of December 29, Guilelma announced to Mrs. Ring that she and Weeks contemplated being married privately that night. Weeks, who had gone out of the house after supper, returned at about 8, at which time Mrs. Ring on going upstairs found Guilelma dressed, ready to go out. Returning to the lower floor, Mrs. Ring then found Weeks standing in the entry, but without disturbing him she went into the sitting room. A moment later she heard someone descend the stairs, after which the front door was opened and closed. Thereupon, Mrs. Ring ran to the door and looked out. As there were many people passing, she could not distinguish Guilelma or Weeks among them.

At 10 o'clock that evening, Weeks returned to his boarding house, Mrs. Ring was still up and he asked her if Guilelma had gone to bed. Mrs. Ring replied that her young cousin had gone out and had not returned, whereupon Weeks expressed his surprise that she had stayed out so late. Mrs. Ring said that Guilelma had not gone out alone and in reply to Weeks' inquiry as to whom she had gone with the Quaker housewife exclaimed:

"Indeed, Levi, to tell thee the truth, I believe she went out with thee."

"If she had gone out with me," answered Weeks, "she would have come in with me."

Mrs. Ring sat up almost throughout the remainder of the night, but Guilelma Sands did not return. Weeks, who shared her vigil, seemed, as she described it, unnatural and moody. Indeed, at one time he broke down and cried out that if Guilelma did not appear and clear him he was a ruined man.

According to the testimony of someone who claimed to have seen her, Guilelma entered a sleigh when she left the Ring house, and that was all that was known as to her departure from her home. Chancellor Ferris of the New York University, writing to a historian in 1861, said:

"An old aunt of mine, who knew her (Guilelma Sands) well and who saw her on the night of the fatal sleigh ride when she was just ready to step into the sleigh, always spoke of her as the most lovely creature she ever saw, and especially fascinating at that moment."

A few days after Guilelma's disappearance her muffled body was found in the lonely Lispenard meadow in a well which the Manhattan Company had dug to supply a part of New York City with water. On January 2, a search of the bottom of the well revealed Miss Sand's body. Her hat was off, her shoes and stockings had been pulled from her feet and her clothing above the waist was torn. There were bruises and discolourations about her neck. New York was thrown into an uproar by the discovery of the body.



"Gentlemen, here is the real murderer!"

A coroner's jury on January 6, found that the young woman had come to her death at the hands of a person or persons unknown, but the public clamoured for vengeance, and, as Weeks was the only one whose name could possibly be linked with that of the beautiful victim, he was arrested and brought to trial.

A post-mortem upon the body showed that there was no physical reason why Miss Sands should have desired to end her life or why Weeks should have wished to rid himself of her. Moreover, the young man bore an excellent reputation for propriety and sobriety of conduct, and Miss Sands had, immediately before her disappearance, been in an unusually cheerful mood that offset any suspicion of a quarrel between her and her lover.

These points were brought out at Weeks' trial which began on March 31, 1800, in the old City Hall. It was one of the most famous criminal trials in American history, and the chief actors were national figures destined to contribute dramatic incidents to the history of their country. The trial judge was Chief Justice Lansing, who was later to figure in one of the most sensational disappearance mysteries that ever stirred the metropolis; and the defendant's counsel Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamilton, who were soon afterward to fight their celebrated duel.

So great was the excitement during the trial that a volunteer guard of prominent citizens had to be formed to protect the accused while

he was being conveyed between the courthouse and the prison, and it is chronicled that the street outside the court was so crowded and the trial rooms so noisy that at times the court officers had to clear the neighbourhood before the hearing could go on.

There were witnesses who swore that Weeks had been at his brother house between 8.30 and 10 o'clock on the night of the tragedy and that he had shown no undue excitement during the visit. According to one account, Aaron Burr saved Weeks by turning aside from his examination of a witness, rushing up to an unknown spectator and, with a pair of lighted candles in his hand, exhibiting the latter's face with a shout:

"Gentlemen, here is the real murderer!"

The effect of this dramatic incident was the mysterious suspect's flight "in virtual acknowledgment of his guilt." When the prosecution closed its case it was 2.30 in the morning, and the judge, after refusing to permit adjournment until the trial was ended, charged the jury that from the evidence proffered Levi Weeks could not have murdered Guilelma Sands in the few minutes that he was away from the brother's house. The court then recommended a verdict of "not guilty" and the jury, after four minutes' deliberation, acquitted the defendant.

The murder was a favourite theme of historians and other scribes for many years after its occurrence. It afforded the plot of Theodore Fay's novel "Norman Leslie." Its solution remains to-day as hopeless as it was more than a century ago.

LOCAL DOLLAR

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Miss J. Hall, the Mainland goalie, watches the Island forwards in Sunday's charity hockey match.



A strenuous moment in the Caer Clark Cup match between "Y" Ladies and St. Andrew's.



Play in the Volleyball match between St. Paul's College Association and South China.



Spectators at the charity hockey match at King's Park on Sunday.

HOME SOCCER

REGIONAL LEAGUE TABLES

THE FOLLOWING ARE the Home English and Scottish Regional League football tables to date:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE										
SOUTH "A"										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Arsenal	8	6	2	0	31	11	14			
Charlton	8	4	1	3	32	26	9			
Crystal P.	8	4	1	3	21	22	9			
Norwich	8	3	3	2	17	13	9			
Millwall	8	2	4	2	13	15	8			
Tottenham	8	4	0	4	17	14	8			
Clapton	8	3	1	4	17	25	7			
Watford	8	3	1	4	15	18	7			
West Ham	8	3	1	4	20	23	7			
Southend	8	1	0	7	12	28	2			
SOUTH "B"										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Bournemouth	8	6	0	2	27	18	12			
Reading	8	5	1	2	22	15	11			
Chelsea	8	4	2	2	20	15	10			
Portsmouth	8	4	1	3	19	16	9			
Queen's Park	8	4	1	3	13	13	9			
Brentford	8	4	1	3	18	11	9			
Fulham	8	3	1	4	19	24	7			
Aldershot	8	1	3	4	11	23	5			
Brighton	8	2	0	6	19	25	4			
Southampton	8	2	0	6	17	26	4			
SOUTH-WESTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Plymouth	8	6	0	2	21	8	12			
Swindon	8	5	2	1	21	11	12			
Cardiff	8	2	5	1	16	13	9			
Newport	7	4	0	3	10	10	8			
Swansea	8	2	2	4	13	15	6			
Bristol C.	7	2	1	4	12	25	5			
Bristol R.	8	1	3	4	11	13	5			
Torquay	8	2	1	5	11	20	5			
WESTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Stoke	8	4	3	1	24	17	11			
Everton	7	4	2	1	21	13	10			
Manchester C.	7	4	2	1	25	13	10			
Manchester U.	7	5	0	2	20	13	10			
Liverpool	7	3	2	2	11	9	8			
Wrexham	8	3	2	3	20	25	8			
Port Vale	7	3	1	3	17	17	7			
Chester	7	2	2	3	9	16	6			
Crewe	7	3	0	4	21	26	6			
New Brighton	7	2	1	4	17	18	5			
Stockport	7	2	1	4	21	25	5			
Tranmere	7	0	0	7	7	29	0			
NORTH-WESTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Bury	7	5	1	1	10	7	11			
Oldham	8	5	1	2	17	17	11			
Preston	7	5	1	1	18	6	11			
Blackburn	8	3	2	3	13	11	8			
BLACKPOOL										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Blackpool	6	3	2	1	16	17	8			
Bolton	6	3	2	1	15	8	8			
Barrow	6	3	1	2	15	11	7			
Southport	7	3	0	4	19	21	6			
Burnley	7	2	1	4	14	13	5			
Rochdale	7	2	1	4	13	18	5			
Accrington	8	0	3	5	11	20	3			
Carlisle	7	0	1	6	6	20	1			
MIDLAND										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
West Brom	8	5	2	1	22	14	12			
Wolves	8	5	1	2	30	17	11			
Birmingham	8	4	2	2	16	17	10			
Northampton	8	2	5	1	14	15	9			
Coventry	8	3	1	4	17	27	7			
Luton	8	3	1	4	26	20	7			
Leicester	8	2	1	5	20	22	5			
Walsall	8	1	1	6	15	28	3			
EAST MIDLAND										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Chesterfield	7	5	1	1	26	7	11			
Sheffield U.	6	5	0	1	22	8	10			
Grimsby	6	5	0	1	16	9	10			
Bransley	7	3	3	1	13	12	9			
Mansfield	8	3	1	4	18	20	7			
Rotherham	7	2	3	2	7	12	7			
Doncaster	6	1	3	2	9	11	5			
Lincoln	6	2	0	4	9	22	4			
Notts F.	6	1	2	3	8	9	4			
Wednesday	8	0	4	4	12	20	4			
Notts C.	7	1	1	5	8	18	3			
NORTH-EASTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Bradford	7	5	0	2	20	13	10			
Leeds	7	4	2	1	13	6	10			
Newcastle	7	5	0	2	20	10	10			
Huddersfield	7	3	3	1	15	7	9			
Bradford C.	6	3	1	2	12	12	7			
York	7	3	1	3	14	16	7			
Darlington	7	3	0	4	13	13	6			
Hartlepool	6	3	0	3	12	13	6			
Middlesbro	6	2	1	3	9	12	5			
Hull	8	1	0	7	9	20	2			
SCOTTISH LEAGUE										
WESTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Rangers	8	8	0	0	21	5	16			
Queen's O'South	8	5	2	1	27	15	12			
Aldrie	8	5	0	4	10	22	10			
Albion	7	5	0	2	15	12	10			
Motherwell	8	4	2	2	21	18	10			
Hamilton	7	4	1	2	23	18	9			
EASTERN										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.			
Falkirk	8	6	1	1	42	17	13			
Dunfermline	8	6	0	2	30	21	12			
Cowdenbeath	8	6	0	2	30	20	12			
Alloa	8	5	1	2	10	13	11			
Hearts	8	5	1	2	35	22	11			
Aberdeen	8	4	2	2	29	17	10			
St. Bernards	8	3	3	2	18	10	9			
St. Johnston	8	2	5	1	22	17	9			
Dundee U.	8	3	1	4	18	20	7			
Hibernian	8	2	3	3	26	22	7			
Dundee	8	2	2	4	20	23	6			
King's Park	8	3	0	5	17	26	6			
East Fife	8	1	2	5	21	32	4			
Raith	8	2	0	6	15	26	4			
Stenhousemuir	8	2	0	6	18	29	4			
Arbroath	8	1	1	6	10	37	3			

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

Again "how are the mighty fallen;" on Tuesday, R. A. Duddridge, one of the best Ten Pin players in the Alleys, was beaten by S. A. Ismail rather badly. It was in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition, Ismail was plus 25 and Duddridge plus 0, and actually Ismail was receiving 16 pins per game. He won very comfortably by 135 pins, including his handicap, which means that had both players started off level Ismail would have won by 87 pins. The individual scores were:—

S. A. Ismail	162	174	173	48	557
R. H. Duddridge	142	146	134	—	422

Ismail well deserved his convincing win. He played consistently in all three games

and on that form will cause some upsets in the competition.

Duddridge played very poorly and was obviously out of practice. His highest score for the match against Ismail was 146, this is much below his usual standard.

Also on Tuesday there was a very good exhibition of Duck Pins, between our old friends, the U.S.S. "Tulsa" and U.S.S. "Mindanao". It was a five-game match and the "Tulsa" won by 86 pins, the total scores being U.S.S. Tulsa 1943 and U.S.S. Mindanao 1857.

Although Mindanao lost, I was agreeably surprised at their great effort. The Mindanao boys concentrate more on Ten Pins as a rule and the number of over-100's snatched in this match was the highest I have ever seen in a similar match, the "Tulsa" boys registering no less than seven, and the Mindanao four.

The two stars of the match were J. A. Vasko of the "Tulsa," with 551 to his credit, and D. M. Kepflinger with 508.

Duck Pin bowling fans will be interested to note the individual averages of the eight players, as follows:—

TULSA			Total	Average
J. A. Vasko	.....		551	110
O. F. Drewes	.....		484	97
C. T. Christiansen	.....		483	97
J. R. Terry	.....		425	85
MINDANAO			Total	Average
D. M. Kepflinger	.....		508	102
J. C. Thomas	.....		460	92
R. L. Reichold	.....		460	92
H. F. Hirschberg	.....		492	86

This, it must be agreed, is real good bowling and judging by the vociferous efforts and friendly banterage from the many keen supporters of both teams who were present, they thoroughly enjoyed the good fare provided for them.

Duck Pin enthusiasts will no doubt be interested to learn that the third of the series of matches between the Alley team and U.S.S. Tulsa will be played off this evening at 7.30. The standing at present is one-all and this deciding match should be a very interesting and close one.

At the time of writing, the position of the monthly records on the record board are as follows:—

DUCK PINS		
Ladies—Mrs. J. S. Landolt	.....	134
Men —J. R. Terry	.....	134
TEN PINS		
Ladies—Mrs. M. Miller	.....	160
Men —George North	.....	237

The Champs met the Tulsa in a friendly game on Wednesday and suffered their biggest defeat at the hands of their old opponents. Strange though it may sound they were beaten by the same combination that beat them on July 6, viz. Peterson, Schreier, Spenko, and Michals.

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BADMINTON NOTES

ST. JOHN'S FOR THE
"B" DIVISION TITLE

Possess Well-Balanced And Tried Players
KING'S AND RECREIO
ALSO POWERFUL

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH the Badminton League has been going along steadily enough, especially in "B" Division in which more matches have to be played, several teams have still not been in action.

Unless Victoria Recreation Club, however, have some dark horses whom they are keeping very dark, there appears to be a strong probability that the ultimate champions of "B" Division will be either St. John's, Recreio or King's College.

My guess is St. John's. It has been announced that they are to be assisted by Henry Eardley, former Shanghai champion, but even without him they would not have been far from the top.

Their line-up for future games will be rather interesting. Hitherto they have relied to a great extent on the first and second strings. Frank and David Kwok; Norman Smith and Peter Wilson. Other players were Padre Bennett and Newman.

Both the last-named have now left the Colony and in their match against K. C. C., Beavan and R. Maynard turned out. These two are somewhat below the standard of the other four players and, if paired together, would probably have met with little success in their League engagements.

Beavan is the more experienced of the two players and it is likely that he will partner Eardley. I feel that it would be unwise to split up the other two combinations which have not often been found wanting hitherto.

These three pairs should not experience much difficulty in winning the necessary five games in any of their matches.

KING'S NOT IMPRESSIVE

King's, although they have done

exceptionally well to have beaten St. Andrew's. St. Teresa's and Kowloon Tong, all decent enough teams, thus far, have not impressed me greatly.

They have two useful pairs in H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui, and S. P. Chan and W. M. Cheung, but their third string is definitely on the weak side and are unlikely to win any of their engagements against the stronger sides in the competition.

I also detected certain weaknesses in the Chan-Chung combination which are likely to be badly exposed by strong opposition. Chan is not the player he was but it may be that he is out of practice.

Lui and Woo are not likely to drop many games this season, their combination being good and their range of strokes wide.

Recreio, who have not done very well in this division in previous seasons, are stronger than ever and can be expected to provide a strong challenge to the leaders.

"I don't know as yet how they will line up but with C. C. Pereira, H. S. Gonsalves, Marques, Yvanovich and N. A. Beltrao available they should take a lot of beating.

St. Teresa's have potentialities but I don't think they will finish in the first two.

TO-NIGHT'S
BADMINTON

MEN'S "A"
Chung Wah v Chinese "Y"
MEN'S "B"
Kowloon Tong v St. Teresa's
MIXED
Recreio "A" v Talkoo

K. TONG
TO MEET
ST. TERESA'S

(By "ADREM")

Most interesting game in this evening's badminton programme will be the fixture between Kowloon Tong and St. Teresa's in "B" Division.

This match was down for Wednesday but owing to the fact that the Kowloon Tong Club was engaged on that evening, the game was postponed until to-night.

Kowloon Tong, at home, are a different proposition to Kowloon Tong away, and although paper strengths indicate a win for the Saints, the home team will not lose for want of trying.

St. Teresa's have introduced Joseph Lam to their team vice W. Ulrich, and his combination with Austin Ho, a most promising player, should be interesting to watch.

Other two pairs have been well tried in the League and can be relied upon to give of their best.

Kowloon Tong's team will be the same as that which lost to King's earlier in the week by 8-1. They unexpectedly beat St. Andrew's without Albert Chan and so might create a surprise this evening.

Probable Teams:—
KOWLOON TONG—N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; A. E. H. Castro and P. B. C. Fletcher.

RECREIO "A"—Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira; Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios; Miss M. Ribeiro and L. Carvalho.
ST. TERESA'S—J. A. Chen and F. Tsang; J. Tsang and Peter Lo; Austin Ho and Joseph Lam.

"A" DIVISION MATCH

The postponed A Division badminton match between Chung Wah and Chinese Y.M.C.A. will take place to-night at Talkoo at 7 p.m.

BOWLING ALLEY
JOTTINGS

(Continued from page 22)

The individual scores were as follows:—
TULSA CHAMPS
Pete Peterson.....771 Dick Venezia.....791
Al. Schreier.....752 Doc Molthen.....788
F. Spenko.....824 Chas Miller.....713
W. Michaels.....635 Geno Faggiano.....678
3182 2970

Tulsa therefore won by 212 pins. This is the greatest defeat that the Champs have ever suffered!

Dick Venezia was top scorer for the Champs with 791 or an average of 138 per game (this is very poor for Dick) and Doc Molthen was second highest with 788 or an average of almost 138.

Both Faggiano and Miller did not do as well as I know they are able to do.

For Tulsa both Michaels and Spenko did very well indeed, the former registering 835 or an average of 167, per game, and Spenko 824 or an average of 165 per game. Peterson's 771 and Schreier's 752 did a lot to complete the downfall of the mighty Champs!

It may interest Ten Pin bowlers to know that their defeat in this match was their third in these Alleys. On July 8 they were beaten by U.S.S. Tulsa by 17 pins only, in a five-game match; they were also beaten by the Washouts on July 27 by 58 pins—their opponents on that occasion being J. Odell, A. Odell, R. H. Buddridge and J. S. Landolt. The scores being: The Washouts 3241 and the Champs 3263.

Position with regard to friendly encounters with Tulsa stands as follows:—
July 7—Tulsa 3258 and Champs 3239.
July 12—Champs 3267 and Tulsa 3263.
August 31—Champs 3137 and Tulsa 3100.
October 16—Champs 3224 and Tulsa 3119.
December 4—Champs 3048 and Tulsa 2931.
December 13—Tulsa 3182 and Champs 2970.

CLUB
TAKING
CHANCE

(By SCRUM-HALF)

Police Rugby supporters have for some time been looking forward to to-morrow, when Police were to meet the Club's first fifteen for the first time in the history of the game in Hong Kong.

The publication of the Club team, however, will cause some disappointment as players like Stewart, Bosanquet, Hutchison, Henderson, Castleton, Walkden, Godfrey, Alec Taylor and Needham will not be on view.

The teams are:
CLUB—Thompson; Van Leeuwen, Charter Bidwell and Lavallo; Carruthers and Thomson; Heasman, Salter, Wanklyn, Kennedy, Bompas, Deane, Dunnett and Stout.

POLICE—Wall; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle, Hayward, Innes, Jackson, Dempsey and Riddell.

FORWARD PROBLEMS

Club, are evidently experimenting with their forwards as Heasman and Wanklyn, who are fighting for the one place left in the front row when Walkden returns to allow Alec Taylor to come into the back row, are both playing, while Kennedy, who does not appear likely to hold his place in the back row, is being tried in the second row, together with Bompas. Last Saturday Deane gave a good display for Club "A", and his play at wing forward will be watched with interest. Charter was brought in at the last minute in place of Hutchison at centre threequarter.

Hayward and Innes have recovered from recent injuries and Police, again at full strength, are quite likely to win by a fair margin, though I am of the opinion Salter will have the better of Cullinan at hooking and so hold up the Police attack for long periods.

Y.M.C.A.
TROUTED

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Playing at home yesterday afternoon, Y.M.C.A. were badly beaten in a friendly hockey match by a team from H.K.S.R.A. by 7 goals to 2 after being led two clear goals at the interval.

"Y" were without the services of an inside-left throughout and did very well to keep out their opponents in the first period. Cleggett, their goal-keeper, clearing several of Indian attacks.

The H.K.S.R.A. forwards were much stronger than the losers, being faster and showing better ball control, while their defence tackled well.

L/Nk. Dalip Singh, centre-forward, scored both goals for the winners in the first period, and he added two further goals in quick succession shortly after the re-start. The same player also registered the final goal near the end.

The other two goals for the visitors were scored by Hav. Khuda Bux, right winger, and Nk. Raja Khan, inside left.

The homesters collapsed badly on the resumption and were on the defensive all the time. Greenberg, scored, however, while Gemmell, inside right, netted a further goal in the last few minutes.

Austin, in the pivotal position, and Smith, right-half did well for the homesters in the intermediate line, while Jordan, right back, was very impressive in defence.

H.K.S.R.A.—Gnr. Muhd Fazal; Gnr. Dost Muhd and Gnr. Muhd Yusuf; L/Nk. Darat Khan, Hav. Abdul Raman and Gnr. Mohd Nawaz; Hav. Khuda Bux (1), Gnr. Mannu Singh, L/Nk. Dalip Singh (5), Nk. Raja Khan (1) and L/Nk. Nur Mohd.

Y.M.C.A.—Cleggett; Jordan and Wakefield; Smith, Austin and Pennington; Greenberg (1), Gemmell (1), Highlands, (no inside left) and Baldwin.

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WITH no objection being raised by the authorities concerned it seems likely after all that there may be one or two Army players in the Interport side which is due to go to Shanghai during the Chinese New Year.

As matters are at present the Interport side is not likely to be too strong as apparently no Chinese players will be making the trip, and I should think H. K. F. A. will take full advantage of the chance of selecting a couple or three Army players.

Who they are likely to be is a bit of a problem, but I suppose 'Ginty' Sheehan will certainly be one of them and his team-mate Saw is also a fifty-fifty chance. Whether Hossack of the Scots will be given his chance is doubtful, but not outside the bounds

K.B.G.C. TENNIS TEAM

The following will represent Kowloon Bowling Green Club against Kowloon Cricket Club at tennis on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.

Women:—J. Sturgeon, V. Clarke, E. Lawson, E. Turpin, P. Peckham, J. Rogers, J. Whyte and E. Hardie.

Men:—J. Sturgeon, C. E. Turpin, J. Douglas, L. Sykes, A. Rogers, F. F. Clarke, P. Peckham and J. Whyte.

The "China Mail" understands that the Caer Clark Cup hockey match between Central British School and Central British Association for to-morrow has been postponed.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

of possibility, although I should imagine that his chances will depend on the likelihood of Fowler, of Club, being available for the centre-forward position.

Of course a lot can happen in present times in the course of a few months and players might not be available by the time the Shanghai trip comes.

Sappers' Fine Form

THE Royal Engineers are having a great time in the cricket world this season, and it takes a really good side to extend them and make a game of it when they have their full side out.

They were already a formidable combination last season, and this year, with one or two additions including Captain Grose, they are well nigh unbeatable.

Sgt. Denyer has been in great form with both the bat and the ball, his bowling efforts being particularly fine. Denyer does not look a particularly fearsome bowler to the man at the crease, but the latter is lulled into making rings round himself by the fine length and consistency of Denyer.

Sapper Ratcliffe is another "old faithful" of the present side and usually goes in early in the innings, quite often opening. He has not had a lot of luck with the bat this year but has done fairly well with the ball, his best performance easily being against the C.B.S. on Wednesday when his aggregate was six for 20. At one time he had taken 6 for 6 but a stand by the other side rather spoiled what might have been a sensational average.

THE HOCKEY INTERPORT

At a Council Meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association held yesterday in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, it was unanimously decided to give the new experimental short corner a trial throughout the season at all friendly matches.

A letter was read from the Macao Hockey Club to the effect that they had not yet held their annual meeting and that it was impossible at the moment to make any arrangements for the Interport against Hong Kong.

They made mention of the fact that teams from Hong Kong would be welcome in Macao on any Sunday.

An unaccountable loss of form has kept Sgt. Carpenter out of most games this season, but I see he has played on the last two occasions and once he gets going I hope he manages to keep it up.

Bailey's Defence

SAPPER Bailey, who scored a 115 at Sookunpoo a few weeks back, is one of the most awkward batsmen in the side to shift once he gets set. Being a southpaw, he always has something of an advantage over the bowler and has a stance which covers his wicket to perfection. Like all left hand batsmen he is pretty to watch once he gets going and he is also quite useful behind the stumps although he does not get a lot of practice these days.

New Golf Secretary

MAJOR T. A. Meek, of the Pay Corps, has now assumed the duties of Army Golf Secretary vice Major Johnstone, Royal Engineers.

Where Was Navy?

A great disappointment to football lovers was the non-appearance of the Navy side for their football fixture on Wednesday.

A good game had been anticipated and although there were not a great number of spectators they were all very disappointed.

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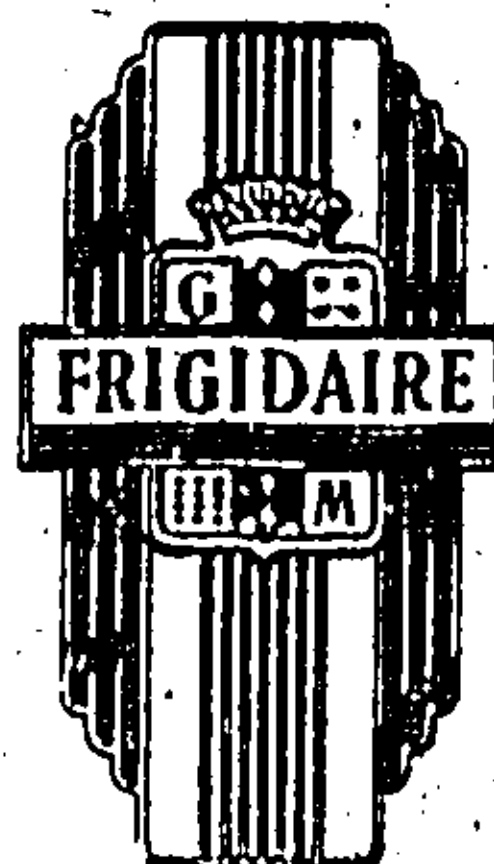
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RACING

Confusion Bay Should Win Main Autumn Champions Rose Elect And Navylight Not Participating

COLLOSSAL "DOUBLE" POOL AT STAKE

(By "RAPIER")

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting to be held to-morrow under the auspices of Hong Kong Jockey Club will ring down the curtain on the 1939 racing season.

I anticipate that with the fine weather now prevailing, coupled with the keen interest evident at the last meeting, the attendance to-morrow will probably set a record for an extra race meeting.

The three Autumn Champions will form the main attractions in a programme of eight events. Entries for these three events will not be known until their announcement prior to the commencement of each race.

RACE NO. 1. HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS: 1-1/4 MILES

The programme opens with the first Champions race of the day, in which only China ponies that have started in at least three extra meetings since January 1, 1939, and winners at extra meetings in 1939, will compete.

This race will be deprived of a good deal of interest owing to the fact that Rose Elect, 1939 Derby winner and Champion pony, is still on the walking list and Navylight, Hong Kong St. Leger winner, is not eligible owing to its failure to comply with the requirements of this race. This is due to lameness after the Hong Kong Derby.

I expect to see the following facing the starter:—

Confusion Bay (Mr. Black)
Eve of Harvest (Mr. Hearne)
Moonlight View (Mr. Pih)
Galaxy (Mr. Chao)
Rose Emily (Mr. Encarnacao)
King's Warden (Mr. Needa)

After winning the Taiipo Handicap over the mile in record time at the 11th Extra Meeting carrying top weight of 168 lbs., I don't think there is much doubt that Confusion Bay, unless something out of the ordinary happens, will win.

The only pony capable of extending the Dunbar crack is Eve of Harvest, great-hearted pony from the Sassoon stable. The grand performance of Confusion Bay in the above-mentioned race, however, inclines me to the belief that Eve of Harvest's task will be a hopeless one. Mr. Hearne, nevertheless, can be relied on to get the best out of his mount, and the race should prove interesting.

Moonlight View should have no difficulty in taking the other minor position.

I nominate Confusion Bay to win, with Eve of Harvest second and Moonlight View third.

RACE NO. 2. LAGGARDS' HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS

This event is confined to "C" Class, Australian subscription ponies that have started in at least two extra meetings during 1939, winners barred.

Pumpnickel, which will again be ridden by Mr. Proulx, has been given top weight of 160 lbs., and, although this pony ran unplaced in the Auld Reekie Handicap over the mile in its last outing, I think it should win as the opposition does not seem to be strong enough to cause an upset, though Brutus (Mr. Pih), which was an also ran

in the Newcastle Handicap, may do better over the longer distance.

Heinz (Mr. Tang) is very lightly treated and may be worth following for a place.

RACE NO. 3. DILATORY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This race is reserved for Subscription griffins of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes.

For its win in the Glasgow Handicap (Six furlongs), Smiling Time has been penalised by 8 lbs., i.e. 168 lbs., but, as it will again be in the capable hands of the champion jockey, has a chance of repeating its previous success. It should meet with serious opposition, however. Matador (Mr. Liang) has had its weight increased by 5 lbs. for coming in third in the Castle Peak Handicap (Second Section), and should have a big say here provided Mr. Liang does not keep it too far behind during the race, but Gog (Mr. Needa) has been so unreliable in its outings lately that I don't know what to say about it.

The finish should be fought out between these three ponies.

RACE NO. 4. HONGKONG SUB-GRIFFINS AUTUMN CHAMPIONS: 1-1/4 MILES

This race is confined to subscription griffins of this season that have started in at least three extra meetings, and winners at extra meetings only.

In view of the easy manner in which King Kong (Mr. Chao) walked away with the St. Leger, there is little doubt that it will be made hot favourite. Mr. Chao knows the capabilities of his mount, and whilst I am prepared to give Musketeer (Mr. Liang) a fighting chance in view of the shorter distance, I foresee another win for King Kong. Celtic Star (Mr. Encarnacao), Kut Cheung (Mr. S. L. Sung) and Guinness Time (Mr. Needa) will probably be the other three starters. Celtic Star came in second in the St. Leger, and there is no reason why it should not place in the same position again, unless Musketeer reveals better finishing qualities.

RACE NO. 5. TARDY HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double," and, with \$7,523 brought forward from the previous meeting, there should be much interest in this event.

Humdrum Eve (Mr. Pih) is given top weight of 168 lbs., followed by Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) and Rob Roy with 167 lbs. each and for this reason alone they should be disregarded.

Mr. Li Po-chun has entered two ponies and I expect him to send Expansion Time out under Mr. Needa, as it is his best pony for the distance, and it has a good chance of a win here.

Then there is Potentate, which will be ridden by Mr. Encarnacao. This combination should be prominent at the finish. Lancashire Lass (Mr. Chao) is also a dangerous contender, judging on its last performance when it came in a close third to Peaceful View and Jober when they dead-heated.

Gladiator (Mr. Hearne) should also be in the limelight in the final run home, although it is a bit old.

I nominate Expansion Time to win with Potentate second and Lancashire Lass third.

RACE NO. 6. QUEENSLAND AUTUMN CHAMPIONS: 1-1/4 MILES

This is the last Championship race of the day, and, as Lucky Lad, the champion pony, has not qualified for this event, it may well be the best of the afternoon. Devonian, owned by Lady Northcote, will not take part in this race as it has suffered from leg trouble since winning two races at the commencement of the second half of the racing season.

The following are likely starters:
Courtling Eve (Mr. Pih)
Lancashire Chips (Mr. Hearne)
A Grand Time (Mr. Black)
Baffin Bay (Mr. P. P. Botelho)
Triumphant Day (Mr. Liang)
Chilfarn (Mr. Encarnacao)
Criffel (Mr. Needa)
Tornado Star (Mr. Pan)

After its brilliant win in the Fremantle St. Leger, Baffin Bay should be strongly supported, but there is Triumphant Day, Rooky, Hill Derby winner and second pony in the Leger, to remember.

These two ponies will be running on equal terms, whereas Triumphant Day conceded 10 lbs. to Baffin Bay on the previous occasion. With the shorter distance, however, I think Triumphant Day will avenge its previous defeat.

Lancashire Chips, which was third in the New Bridge Handicap at the 11th Extra Meeting, is looking very fit at the moment but as it has never won a race over the Champions course, it will be interesting to see if Mr. Hearne will be able to break the ice to-morrow and win for Mrs. Taggart the coveted honour of leading in a Champion pony.

Courtling Eve has disappointed punters regularly, but as it will be running under weight per inches it will probably redeem itself, while A Grand Time, which won the Lanark Handicap over the mile with Mr. Yuen on top at the last meeting, should give a good account of itself under Mr. Black.

The race is very open and I think the finish will be fought out between Baffin Bay, Triumphant Day and Lancashire Chips.

RACE NO. 7. LAST CHANCE HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the second leg of the "Daily Double," and a small fortune awaits those who make the right connection. Rose Flana (Mr. Encarnacao) and Tacking Master (Mr. Chao), the first and second ponies in the Gorbals Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, have been penalised by 17 and 19 lbs. respectively and, very much doubting their ability to win at such weights, I would suggest looking for ponies carrying less weight.

Scenic View lost to Laughing Girl in the Gorbals Handicap (Second Section) by a neck when carrying 168 lbs. and as its weight has been reduced by 21 lbs. it should have a very good chance of winning here. There is, however, National Pride (Mr. Tang) to be reckoned with as this pony, which dislodged its rider, was expected to do well at the previous meeting.

Boat Bay (Mr. Needa) is also good enough to win and should not be ignored, while Dawn Star (Mr. Pan), which has not done anything of note lately, if it produces some of its old form, should be very near at the finish.

Galveston Bay, which came in third to Tacking Master, will have a change of jockey in Mr. P. P. Botelho, and may do well as Mr. Botelho is good in handling lazy ponies. I nominate Scenic View to win, with Boat Bay second and National Pride third.

RACE NO. 8. FINALE HANDICAP: ONE MILE

The final race of the day and the year is confined to "D" Class China ponies that have started in at least two extra meetings during 1939 with the stipulation that winners during 1939 and subs. of this season are barred.

At the previous meeting Night View lost to Chatterbox by a short head in the Gallowgate Handicap (First Section) whereas Gold Coin was unplaced. These two ponies have now been given top weight of 168 lbs. and, as they will be ridden by Messrs. Pih and Liang respectively, the finish should be fought out between these two ponies with Night View having a slight advantage.

Valorous, which will be taken out by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, is quite capable of causing an upset as it is carrying the light weight of 140 lbs. and Piet Hein (Mr. Needa), which surprisingly came in third in the Castle Peak Handicap over the two mile post, may give the two top weighters a good fight if it does not win.

My nomination is Night View to win, with Gold Coin second and Piet Hein third.

MISS EARDLEY NOT TO PLAY LEAGUE HOCKEY

The "China Mail" learns that Miss Decima Eardley, former Shanghai Interport hockey player, who arrived here recently and turned out for "Y" against St. Andrew's last week, will play no further League hockey this season.

Miss Buchanan has accordingly been promoted from the junior team to fill the left-wing berth for to-morrow's match against Recrelo.

Miss K. Pocock is also unavailable for to-morrow and Miss Stokes will play at left-half in her stead.

Following are the "Y" teams for to-morrow:—

Caer Clark v. Redrelo on "Y" Ground at 3 p.m.—

Miss Minoot: Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Stokes; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Barker, Miss D. McCaw, Miss Gardner and Miss Buchanan.

Brawn Cup: v. D.G.C. on D.G.S. Ground at 3 p.m.—

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6.15 p.m.—BACH—Suite No. 4 in D Major. The Adolf Busch Chamber Players.
6.40 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.42 p.m.—SONGS by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor).
6.51 p.m.—ALBERT SANDLER and His Orchestra with Jessica Dragonette (Vocal).
The Lost Chord (Sullivan); Sanctuary of the Heart (Ketelbey).... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Will You Love Me (Pergolesi); Love's Joy (Martini).... Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with the Renaissance Quintet.
Black Eyes—Russian Impression (Ferraris); Souvenir D'Ukraine (Ferraris).... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
Grinning (Benatzky); Remembrance

To-day's Wireless

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(Melb).... Albert Sandler (Violin) assisted by Jack Byfield (Piano) and Jack Kilbey (Cello).
Alice Blue Gown (McCarthy, Tierney); Through The Doorway of Dreams (from 'Big Broadcast').... Jessica Dragonette (Soprano) with Orchestra.
You Are My Heart's Delight ("The Land of Smiles"—Lehar); Patiently Smiling ("The Land of Smiles"—Lehar).... Albert Sandler & His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—LIGHT ORCHESTRAL. In The Sudan (Sebek); Babylonian Nights (Zamecnik).... Alfred Van Dam & His Gaumont State Orch.

"The Waltz Dream"—Selection ("O. Straus").... De Groot & The Piccadilly Orchestra.
A Frangese!—March (Costa Gaudin); Parade Of The Imps (Ecklebe).... George Grohrock-Ferrari & His Orchestra.
8.23 p.m.—BENNO MOISEWITSCH at the Piano.
Mouvements Perpetuels (Poulenc); Etude (Stravinsky).
Flirtations In A Chinese Garden (Chasins).
8.30 p.m.—STUDIO—Dr. T. Z. Koo of The World's Student Christian Federation, Geneva, in "Folk Songs of Cathay". Illustrated by Flute.
8.50 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude. Suite Orientale (Popy).... Marek

London Relay
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La Folletta (Marchesi); Melodious Intermezzo (Kotcher).... Erich Olschewski & His Orchestra.
9.05 p.m.—STUDIO—Comments on Recent Events.
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—WALTON—Facade Suite. London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by William Walton.
10.00 p.m.—STUDIO—"The Beauty of England"—3: The Third of a Series of Talks by The Very Rev. The Dean of Hong Kong.
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"The Lying Jade". A topical programme dealing with the act of spreading rumours in wartime. Arranged by Stephen Potter.
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A RARE BIDDING FEAT

To arrive at a successful Grand Slam contract after an opponent has opened the bidding is indeed commendable. Harold S. Vanderbilt and Waldemar von Zedtwitz, one of the nation's outstanding pairs, in a rubber Bridge game at New York's Cavendish Club recently accomplished this rare feat. Let's analyze their bidding:

West, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
Mr. von Zedtwitz
♠ J 7 6 2
♥ 10 8 5 2
♦ A
♣ A 8 7 4
Mr. Vanderbilt
♠ A K J 10 9 8 5 2
♥ A K J 10 8 7 6 5 4
♦ K Q 10 8 7 6 5 4
♣ K Q 10 8 7 6 5 4
The bidding:
West North East South
1♠ Pass Pass 2♠
3♥ 4♠ 5♠ 6♥
Pass 7♠ Pass Pass
Pass

After West's opening diamond bid had been passed around to him, Mr. Vanderbilt bid two spades—an overcall which is used to show a strong two-suit hand. Hoping to make a worthwhile sacrifice, West interjected a bid of three hearts, and Mr. von Zedtwitz now jumped to four spades. After East's defensive five-diamond

bid, Mr. Vanderbilt bid five hearts—a cue-bid showing no heart losers and strong Slam possibilities. Mr. von Zedtwitz responded with six clubs, showing the Ace of that suit, whereupon Mr. Vanderbilt made the further cue-bid of six hearts. This very unusual bid invited a Grand Slam provided Mr. von Zedtwitz held either the diamond Ace or a void.
Realising that his partner was seeking information about his diamond holding, Mr. von Zedtwitz responded with the Grand Slam bid, which was a laydown.

Yesterday you were the dealer. What was your correct bid holding:

♠ K Q 10 x x
♥ A J 9 x x
♦ J x
♣ x

ANSWER:—Your correct bid is one spade. With two good five-card major suits you should open the bidding even though your hand is but a Jack above average.

Score 100% for one spade, 60% for pass, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 284

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides are vulnerable and you hold:

♠ x x x x x
♥ Q J 9 8 6 4
♦ A x x
♣ K x x

The bidding:

Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
1♠ Pass INT (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SCRAPPY WOMEN'S
MATCH

At King's Park yesterday afternoon, Central British School defeated Central British Association Ladies in a friendly hockey match by the only goal scored by Miss Jill Stokes in the last minute.

The game was very scrappy and was without any interest as there was little team work.

Miss Parsons and Miss Everest were prominent in defence for the losers, while Mrs. Quick and Miss Whitley were the only outstanding players in the forward line.

For the winners, Miss Goodwin, right back, Miss Moss, centre-forward, both from first team, and Miss Jill Stokes, inside right, did well.

Miss M. Shand, schoolgirls' captain, played in the inside left position for C.B.A. who were two short.

C.B.S. HOCKEY

The following have been selected to represent Central British School, tomorrow against Central British Association Ladies in the Brawn Cup competition at King's Park:

Miss P. Loseby; Miss V. Moss and Miss S. Gerling; Miss J. Burroughs, Miss J. Banney and Miss B. Hobbs; Miss K. Grant, Miss J. Stokes, Miss M. Macfarlane, Miss E. Rousseau and Miss P. Beraha.

C.B.A. TEAM

The following players will represent C.B.A. Ladies in a Brawn Cup League Fixture v. C.B.S. on the C.B.S. Ground at 3 p.m. tomorrow:—B. Sullivan; V. Beaumont and M. Mackay; B. Louis, J. Felshow and I. Cunningham; E. Hunt, F. Grimmit, E. Woolley, P. Baxter and J. Crawford.
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IMPORTANT ITALIAN AID FOR FINLAND FORESHADOWED (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
NOW THAT THE SOVIET has been expelled from the League of Nations the two biggest problems are to help Finland, and Moscow's attitude towards the Balkans.

Political circles greeted most favourably Mr. Neville Chamberlain's assertion that British help for Finland would not be limited to aviation.

FIRE RAGING IN FINLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.
REPORTS FROM NORWAY STATE THAT A TREMENDOUS FOREST FIRE IS RAGING IN THE PETSAMO REGION OF NORTH FINLAND.

It is not known whether the fire was started by the Finnish defenders, or by a Soviet air raid in the forest region early yesterday morning.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone covers China, Korea and Japan; it appears to be moving eastward, pressure being highest over the Yellow Sea. A trough of low pressure extends

They point out that the Finns chiefly need heavy artillery. However, it is doubtful if Britain and France will be able to satisfy this need, being themselves engaged in war.

Italy, on the other hand, is able to furnish all the necessary help if transportation means are available, and it is thought that such help will be forthcoming.

Simultaneously it is pointed out that Italian factories are working overtime fulfilling important Allied orders.

It is believed the Soviet threat to Rumania will not materialise if the Finnish struggle drags on, and it is emphasised that Moscow is perfectly aware that her Balkan policy is in no way influenced by Germany.—Havas.

A grass fire on the hillside near the Hau Wong Temple, Kowloon City last evening, burned down two huts.

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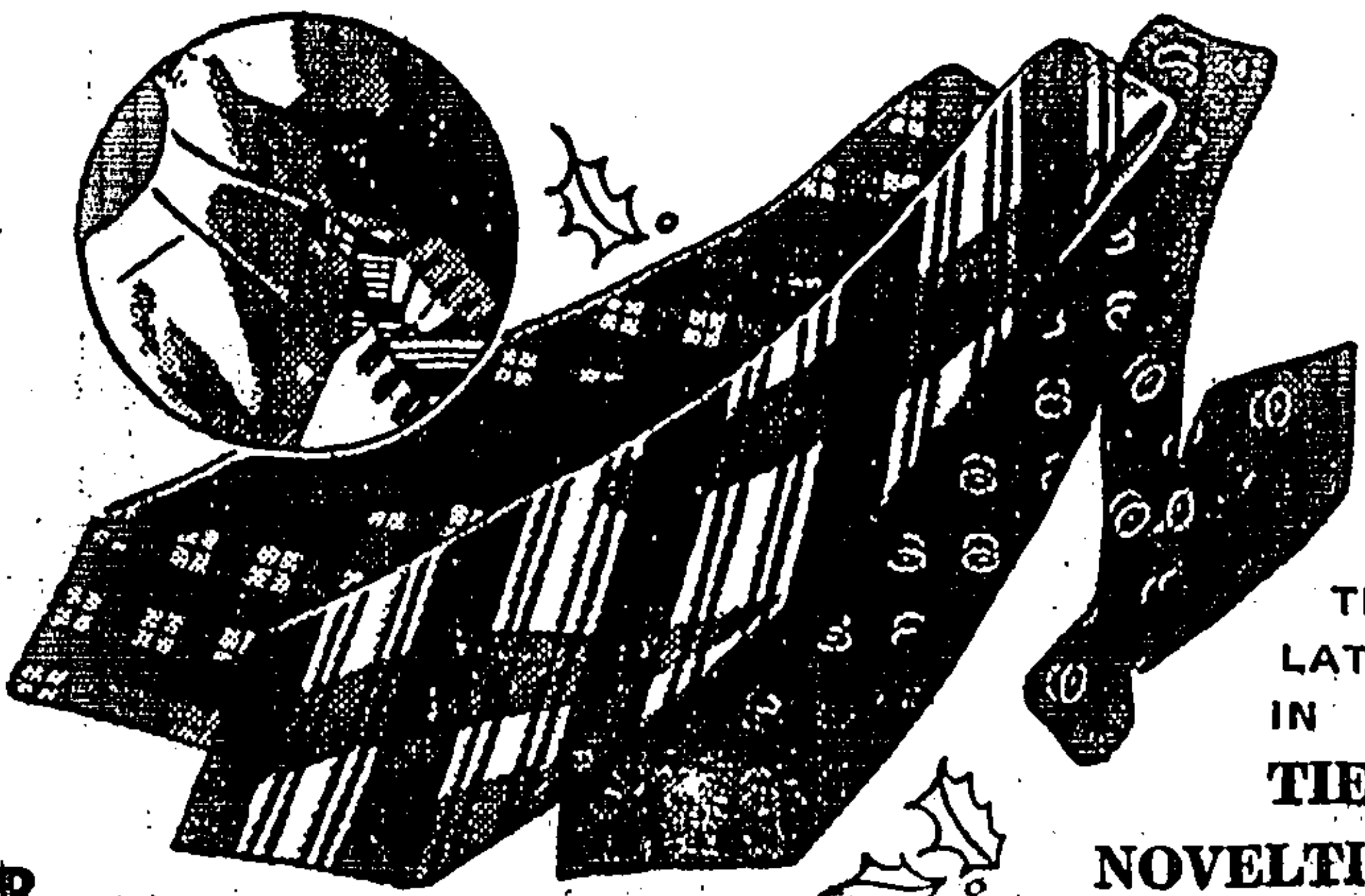
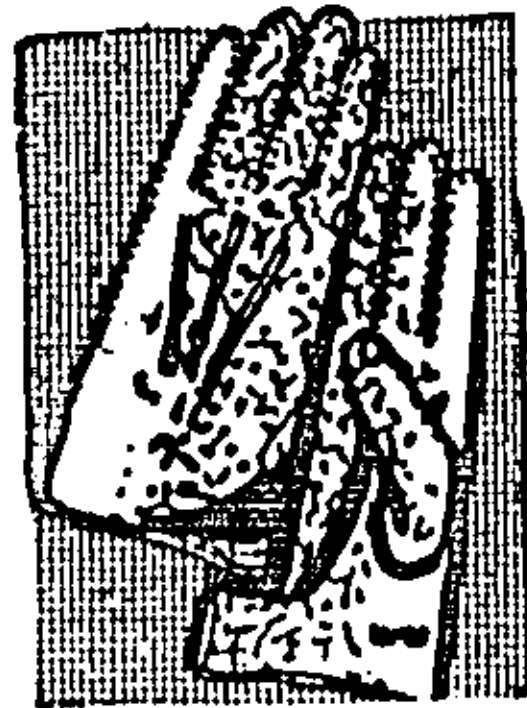
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STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Informal arrangements are being made for a meeting of representatives of different government bodies, including the planning board, which will have to consider the possibility of issuing rationing tickets.

The "Asahi Shimbun" says: "The view is held in Government circles that such a proposal would stop the present hoarding of goods, and that it would make it easier to control prices."—Havas.

It is revealed in a letter addressed to Sir Robert Ho Tung by H. E. the Governor in connection with the free-of-interest loan offer to the British Government, that Sir Robert has also offered the use of two river steamers for the use of the Royal Navy for the duration of the war, and that this is under the active consideration of the naval authorities at the present time.

Moscow, To-day.

A communique claims that Red Army troops have reached a point in central Finland 67 miles from the frontier.

It also claims an advance in the Murmansk region.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

It is learned that in the air engagement over the Frisian Islands and the Heligoland Bight, the British machines, which were heavily outnumbered, did not belong to the newly formed security patrol.—Reuter.

SHATAUKOK INCIDENT

A Chinese was found gagged and bound to a tree at 11 o'clock last night at Shataukok.

On being released, he stated that at 10 p.m. he had been accosted by two men who caught hold of him and bound him up. They then went through his pockets and took \$370 in Chinese national currency and departed in the direction of the border.

OFFICE BOY STAMP TRICK

Before Mr. R. Edwards this morning, Liu Min, 27, office boy, was charged with fraudulent conversion of \$55.20, entrusted to him by the Dunlop Rubber Company.

Mr. Davis, assistant manager, prosecuted.

The money was given to defendant to cover postage of a number of letters. At his home, 155 unposted letters were found.

Defendant was remanded.

Montevideo, To-day.

It is announced that the Uruguayan Government might allow the Graf Spee to remain in harbour here as long as necessary to make repairs.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

"The movement for the establishment of the new regime for China will be somewhat delayed but not because of any major difficulty," declared the Japanese Premier, General Abe, at a meeting between the executives of the Central League for the mobilisation movement and members of the Cabinet.—Havas.

Montevideo, To-day.

The Graf Spee will be allowed to remain until Sunday, or at the latest Monday.

Practically all the wounded are still on board.

Sixty-two survivors of the British merchant vessels sunk by the Graf Spee in her brief career as corsair have been landed.

The ships sunk include the Newton Beach, Africa Shell, Travanton, Huntsman, Clement, Doric Star and Ashlea.

The highest number of survivors of any vessel was 32. Those interviewed confirm that there was no truth in the allegation that the British used gas shells.

They said that none of the Britons aboard suffered from gas although they were not provided with gas-masks, while all the Germans wore gas-masks.

They reckoned the Graf Spee was hit 16 times.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Dramatic scenes were witnessed yesterday afternoon when fire broke out in the Red Light District.

Five, including three men, one boy and a girl, are known to have been burned to death, the bodies being recovered later in the evening.

The fire occurred on the first floor of a building, and soon involved the entire premises, threatening envelopment of adjoining buildings.

Fearing the spread of the fire to other buildings, inmates of the ill-fame houses nearby hurriedly evacuated.—Our Own Correspondent.

Tientsin, To-day.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador, arrived here this morning from Peiping. It is expected he will meet leading members of the local American community to discuss the difficulties caused by the Japanese blockade. Mr. Johnson will return to Peiping tomorrow.—Reuter.

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